

Johnny Warren reviews the Worthington gaffe

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JOHNSTON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE SOCCEROOS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ACCORDING to the Citizenship Act, Liverpool's "Roo" Craig Johnston is ineligible to play for Australia.

ASW was advised of this yesterday by a senior officer of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

Johnston renounced his Australian citizenship to become a Briton, with the idea of qualifying for one of the British countries in international football.

But when England's Bobby Robson and Scotland's Andy Roxburgh passed him over, Johnston responded to a call by Australian supremo Frank Arok.

It then seemed that Johnston would find a way to play in the green and gold, even if it meant his not being available until the next World Cup qualifying matches.

But recently a deal of water has been flowing under the bridge.

Liverpool FC chief executive Peter Robinson has been preparing a new four-year contract for signature by the bouncing "Roo."

According to Robin-

son it will not preclude Johnston from representing Australia.

But does the intrepid Craig really want to do so? Some reports now indicate that he does not.

The Act

The big point to emerge is that Johnston is not qualified to play for Australia, having given up his Australian citizenship rights.

"The rules suggest that in a case such as Johnston's, a 12-month residency would be required before he could be re-instated," the source said.

"Naturalisation is normally necessary in these cases."

But whilst Johnston is ruled out under the regulations there is a slight chance that he could again become an Aussie

without conforming to the residency provision.

'Other considerations' can be taken into account.

But that begs the question — does Craig really want to be an Australian international.

And, if he does, is his drive sufficient to overcome his professional allegiance to Liverpool FC.

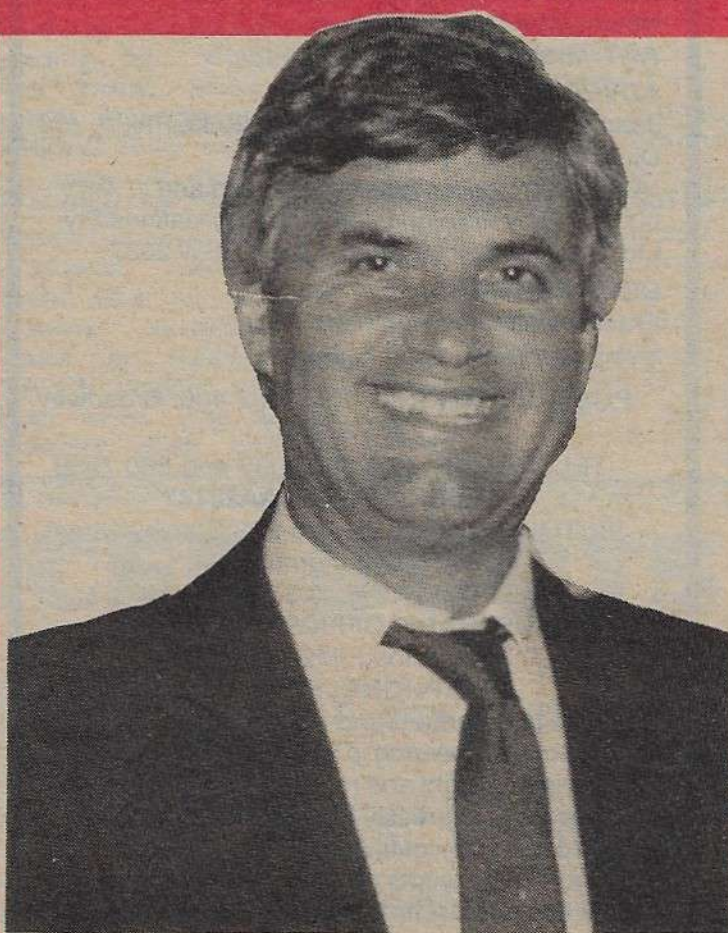
Liverpool is his bread, butter and jam as well, until he gives up First Division football and returns to his beloved Lake Macquarie.

Unfortunately, with his football commitments and the provisions of the Citizenship Act — not to mention his own personal attitude to his career — Australian coach Frank Arok could be left whistling in the dark.



CRAIG JOHNSTON wearing two jersey's — on the left the colours of Liverpool and the right Newcastle United teams.

RALE RASIC JOINS SOCCER WEEKLY



LOVE HIM, hate him ... you can't ignore him! Rale Rasic, coach of the now sparkling APIA-Leichhardt side will be providing you with his latest viewpoints through the columns of AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY every Tuesday.

This week former National coach Johnny Warren starts back with us in a hard-hitting column on page 11 as he highlights the Worthington — Arok — Rasic controversy.

Next week it will be Rale Rasic as well — and who can say what his topics will be ...

Rale has one distinction that no other coach has — he has taken Australian to the World Cup finals.

He has coached leading Australian club teams in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, and knows the players and the tactics inside out.

On the other hand many is the time that he has shown the ropes to youngsters in the NSW under 13-16 years Youth League, schoolboys and junior association players.

ASW's columnists next week team up former national coach Rale Rasic and ex-national captain Johnny Warren. Add to that former Doncaster Rovers, Brighton, Fulham and Newcastle United star Mike Johnson, NSW Coaching Director Alan Vest — and the rest.

EVERTON FOR SYDNEY

EVERTON, English First Division winners elect will play at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday June 7.

The NSW Soccer Federation has lined up the game which will cost a fee of \$50,000.

But first Everton must meet the full Australian Socceroos in Melbourne on Wednesday June 3 just before they depart for South Korea and the President's Cup.

Back in 1964 Everton attracted a huge 51,000 crowd to the Sydney Cricket Ground.

HARD HITTING COLUMN NEXT WEEK

It is more than apparent to observers of the great game of Soccer football in Australia that certain improvements must come to pass if the sport is to realise a great deal of its potential.

Leaving aside some aspects of the coaching arm — a deal of which has been the subject of some investigative journalism in recent times — it is appropriate to examine the overall management, the financing, promotion and administration of the code at national level.

Well known is the fact that the leadership is at an interregnum period, and that this cannot be really productive.

In addition even a cursory glance at the latest financial statements of the Australian Soccer Federation indicates fundamental weaknesses.

Put bluntly, the future of the Federation depends upon the success of the Bicentennial Gold Cup.

From the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY viewpoint we can only wish the administration — present and future — the very best in their endeavours to make the Gold Cup strike gold in crowds, public exposure and at the exchequer.

But unfortunately the ASF has not won itself a great reputation as successful promoters.

How does it climb out of the abyss to recover its finances from the Gold Cup?

Surely the potential is there for huge television and gate income, but we must see what the bottom line is planned to achieve and what actually comes.

The ASF executive bears a huge burden in their endeavours to get this very worthwhile project on the road.

They must see that promoters with first class marketing ability within Australia are in place as soon as possible — fly-by-nighters need not apply.

To leave the job to normal administrative channels might be to court disaster.

It is a big task to run a national football organisation, and inevitably pluses and minuses can be perceived in the operation by the interested public right along the line.

A particular point that deeply concerns this newspaper is one which under the circumstances could be regarded as a credit.

It has been announced that the ASF executive director Brian Emery has been appointed a member of a new FIFA competition organisation committee of FIFA in connection with the 1990 World Cup finals, to be played in Italy.

Mr Emery served in the last World Cup in Mexico and would have gained extra experience in competition arrangements.

It appears to us to be abundantly clear that that experience should be put into action IN AUSTRALIA, where the international match program — with little exception such as the Australia-Scotland World Cup game — has so often been in a parlous state.

The ASF's financial position emphasises the point.

Quite frankly it is difficult to see much improvement anyway, unless the ASF can find a way to appoint the right promotion management.

Take the example of the World Youth Championship elimination series at the St George Stadium.

Blind Freddie and his dog learnt about it — when it was just about over.

The nub of the matter is that FIFA will find a way to staff their committee and they have a steamroller situation to make sure that the series is highly successful.

But IN AUSTRALIA the sport needs the full attention of the administration in an endeavour to solve its own very pressing problems.

There can be no deviation from that path, if the ASF does its job to its fullest effect.

For its part ASW expects to be able to do its best to bring about the right result from the Gold Cup, and trusts that the Soccer public will be right behind it.

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WELL DONE VICTORIA!

"NO MORE ROOS" SAYS FRANK AROK

NATIONAL coach Frank Arok yesterday expressed his satisfaction with the composition of his likely Socceroo squad as it stands without any further additions.

And it won't be long until the announcement is made of the actual 18 players to travel to South Korea to compete in the President's Cup.

Said Arok; "I gave everyone a chance to show what they could do.

"There has been pressure for me to reconsider Rod Brown, Arno Bertogna and Robbie Slater but they were the ones who pulled out of the training camps.

"They disqualified themselves. Others did everything that I asked for, and it is no use ever having a few bad apples in the case."

Arok remains a bit concerned that some players could be somewhat tentative in the game against Everton, to take place at Olympic Park on Wednesday, June 3.

It is very close to the departure for Korea — a trip that no selected player will wish to miss.

Arok is delighted with the draw for Korea. "It suits my purpose to play against a variety of styles. Our opponents come from Africa, Asia, South America and Europe," he said.

"The results are meaningless — all that counts is how we go in the Olympic Games qualifiers."

— KEITH GILMOUR



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EVERTON TO BOOST DOMESTIC SEASON



Top English first division club, Everton.

TOP ROW: Paul Wilkinson, Derek Mountfield, Fred Barber, Neville Southall, Bobby Mimmas, Kevin Langley, Ian Marshall. MIDDLE ROW: John Clinkard (Physio), Darren Coyle, Pat Van Den Hauwe, Paul Bracewell, Peter Reid, Neil Pointon, Neil Adams, Graeme Sharp, Alan Harper, Paul Power, Colin Harvey (Coach), Mick Heaton (Coach). FRONT ROW: Warren Aspinall, Adrian Heath, Gary Stevens, Kevin Sheedy, Howard Kendall (Manager), Kevin Ratcliffe (Captain), Trevor Steven, Keith Richardson, Peter Billinge.

To secure a game against English First Division champions — elect Everton is a gigantic feather in the cap of the Victorian Soccer Federation. Australian plays Everton at Olympic Park on Wednesday June 3 at 8pm. It is a great chance to blood the Socceroos, who move off the South Korea immediately afterwards to contest the President's Cup. One June 1 the Englishmen meet Auckland in the Auckland FA Centenary game, with another against a Canterbury Invitation XI on May 30.

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ASW looks over
the weekend
action in the
National League

WHEN NOBODY LOVES YOU

BY GREG BLAKE

IF Sunshine George Cross had decided to adopt a theme song in recent weeks, the obvious choice would have been 'Nobody Loves You When You're Down And Out'.

Such has been the fortunes of the struggling Melbourne outfit — at least until last Sunday.

The usual scene had been set yet again, a visit to Chaplin Reserve by Australia's reigning champions Adelaide City and within 25 minutes Sunshine was up against it.

The home side, rock bottom of the table at the start of the day, had seen its central defender Sean Parton sent off for a childish kick at Willie McNally and minutes later midfielder Jeff Faulkner limped injured from the park to join his teammate in the showers.

A familiar scenario with hard-up Sunshine ready to crumble to its fifth successive defeat.

But big Steve Richardson and his merry men decided that this time they weren't going to stick to the script.

Richardson, as leading man, and his co-stars gave Adelaide City a lesson in grit, courage and determination and in the end the home side almost stole the show.

Adelaide's coach Zoran Matic was furious at the 0-0 result and accused some of his players of taking a holiday.

well and deserved the point."

Had Sunshine lost the game, it could have pointed the finger at Parton as the cause.

Parton aimed a kick at fallen keeper McNally after the latter had taken the ball to ground following a corner.

With the aid of the strong breeze, the classy South Australian outfit entertained with some footballing magic.

With Alex Tobin and Buggy Nyskohous spraying balls out of defence; Charley Villani brilliant in the middle and Serge Melta cutting George Cross to ribbons down the left, it seemed only a matter of time.

But led by man of the match Richardson, Sunshine came back strongly after halftime and with Roger Bain and substitute Kevin Innes helping to lift the side they almost stole the game.

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Taylor, Campbell, Parton (sent-off 20th), Richardson, Faulkner (Innes 23rd), Markovski, Bain, Trimboli, McLaren, Gilder (Markovac 58th).

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Tobin, Nyskohous, Melta, Santac, Villani, J. Mullen, Vidmar, Vasilas (T. Mullen 85th), Toland.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (J Kosmina 2, S Johnston) b HEIDELBERG 1 (L McKinna) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4678.

MARCONI 4 (S Maxwell, F Farina, R Wheatley, D Lowe) b FOOTSCRAY 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 2599.

LEICHHARDT 1 (R Brown) b MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 at Olympic Park. Crowd: 900.

PRESTON 2 (Z Ilioski, R Campbell) b ST GEORGE 0 at Connor Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

SUNSHINE 0 drew with ADELAIDE CITY 0 at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: 2000.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (R Miranda) b BRUNSWICK 0 at Middle Park. Crowd: 3000.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	5	5	-	-	17	4	10
Marconi	6	4	1	1	11	4	9
Leichhardt	6	3	3	-	12	7	9
Adel City	6	2	3	1	12	7	7
Brunswick	6	3	1	2	6	5	7
South Melbourne	5	3	-	2	7	5	6
Preston	5	2	2	1	6	4	6
Melb Croatia	6	3	-	3	8	11	6
Olympic	5	1	2	2	6	8	4
H'berg	6	1	1	4	8	13	3
St George	6	1	1	4	3	10	3
Sunshine	5	-	1	4	2	10	1
Footscray	5	-	1	4	2	12	1

KOSMINA GRABS TWO GOALS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JOHN KOSMINA, with two cracking goals, laid the foundations for Sydney Olympic's convincing and first NSL victory of the season over Heidelberg United at the St George Stadium.

And this was despite another excellent performance by Heidelberg's star international goalkeeper, Jeff Olver.

Olympic won 3-1, but the winning margin could have been greater.

Sydney Olympic's victory also marked Eddie Thomson's first home match with the club, spelling out a warning that his team has turned the corner and is ready to climb the NSL ladder.

Kosmina, still Australia's deadliest "box-finisher", scored in the 44th and 53rd minutes, plus made Olympic's third goal, scored by the tough-tackling midfielder, Stuart Johnston in the 75th minute.

And, if the truth be known, Kosmina could easily have scored four had it not been for extreme selfishness displayed by a fellow-striker.

The culprit twice blatantly refused to release the ball to a free-positioned Kosmina only eight metres from the target and dead in front.

Heidelberg grabbed the lead in the 37th minute when left-back Chris Ketsakidis tried a snap-shot at the target from a sharp angle on the left.

The shot would have missed the net, but the former Kilmarnock striker Lawrie McKinna, zipped in with an outstretched right boot to stab the ball into Olympic's net.

Kosmina levelled the scoreline 60 seconds before "drinks" when he climbed to meet a Raskopoulos free-kick from the right to crash a 10 metre header into Heidelberg's net.

But the jokes were over in the second half as Kosmina, Raskopoulos and Abas Saad took over full control to

cement both NSL points for the Sydney side.

Raskopoulos especially was magnificent, despite not being at full fitness.

The 53rd minute saw Kosmina put Olympic ahead when he magnificently spun round in centre-box to crack home a Kalantzis down header from an Emil Dragicevic cross whipped in from the right flank.

Kosmina met a long clearance from goalkeeper Gary Meier to head on for Johnston in the 75th minute. The alert Johnston raced onto Kosmina's great ball and steadied himself to chip the advancing Olver to score Olympic's third and final goal.

Best for Olympic were Kosmina, Raskopoulos, Saad and Dragicevic whilst Heidelberg's best servants were Olver, Selemidis and Tsolakis.

After the match, a half-contented Eddie Thomson, stated: "Of course I'm happy with my first home victory, but not entirely satisfied. In another two or three weeks we should be ready for better stuff. Our crosses have improved but I want much more yet."

Meanwhile, an understandably dejected Heidelberg goalkeeper, Jeff Olver, lamented: "We gave Raskopoulos too much space to create and allowed Dragicevic to come down the right side too many times to knock in his crosses".

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Dragicevic, Dakos, Ratcliffe, Hooker: Johnston, Raskopoulos, Estavillo: Saad, Kosmina, Kalantzis (Patalis 88th).

HEIDELBERG: Olver: Marley, Hunter, Selemidis, Ketsakidis: Anastasiadis, Fraser, Lucchesi (Delligiannis 88th), Valentine (Tzintzis 70th), Tsolakis, McKinna. Crowd: 4,678.

Yellow cards: Raskopoulos and Marley.

OLYMPIC ON THE WAY



STUART JOHNSTON

NSL TOP SCORERS

ROD BROWN	7
APIA-Leichhardt	
ROBBIE SLATER	7
Sydney Croatia	
CHARLIE VILLANI	4
Adelaide City	
FRANK FARINA	4
Marconi	
IAN WALLACE	4
Melbourne Croatia	
GRAHAM ARNOLD	4
Sydney Croatia	
JOHN KOSMINA	4
Sydney Olympic	
JOHN YZENDOORN	3
Brunswick	
STEVE MAXWELL	3
Marconi	
RON CAMPBELL	3
Preston	
PAUL WADE	3
South Melbourne	
MARK JONES	3
Sydney Croatia	



John Kosmina is back amongst the goals again.

SAINTS' POOR SHOW EMBARRASSES AROK

BY JASON STEVENS

PRESTON Makedonia halted the recovery of St George with an uninspiring 2-0 win, at Melbourne's Connor Reserve.

The low standard of the game caused an outburst from National coach Frank Arok, who admitted to the press that he is embarrassed with his side.

Arok created a lot of ill feeling with his severe criticism of Preston, having labelled them "a poor side".

Preston players and officials responded by pointing to the scoreboard.

The absence from the game of Preston captain Ian Dobson and leading forward Steve Smith added value to Preston's win.

Bill Murray had to rearrange his team to cover the gaps. And although Preston did not perform at its best, everyone around the

club were happy to acknowledge the two points.

Zoran Ilioski gave Preston the lead after 23 minutes.

The veteran midfielder was given the space to head the ball against the crossbar and then bundle the rebound in the net.

St George responded to Arok's criticism for their performance at half time and resumed the game with renewed vigor and enthusiasm, forcing Preston to retreat to defence.

Their inability to finish, however, denied them the opportunity to level the score.

Preston secured their win 20 minutes before full time with a penalty awarded against George

Kulscar for a foul against second half substitute George Slifkas.

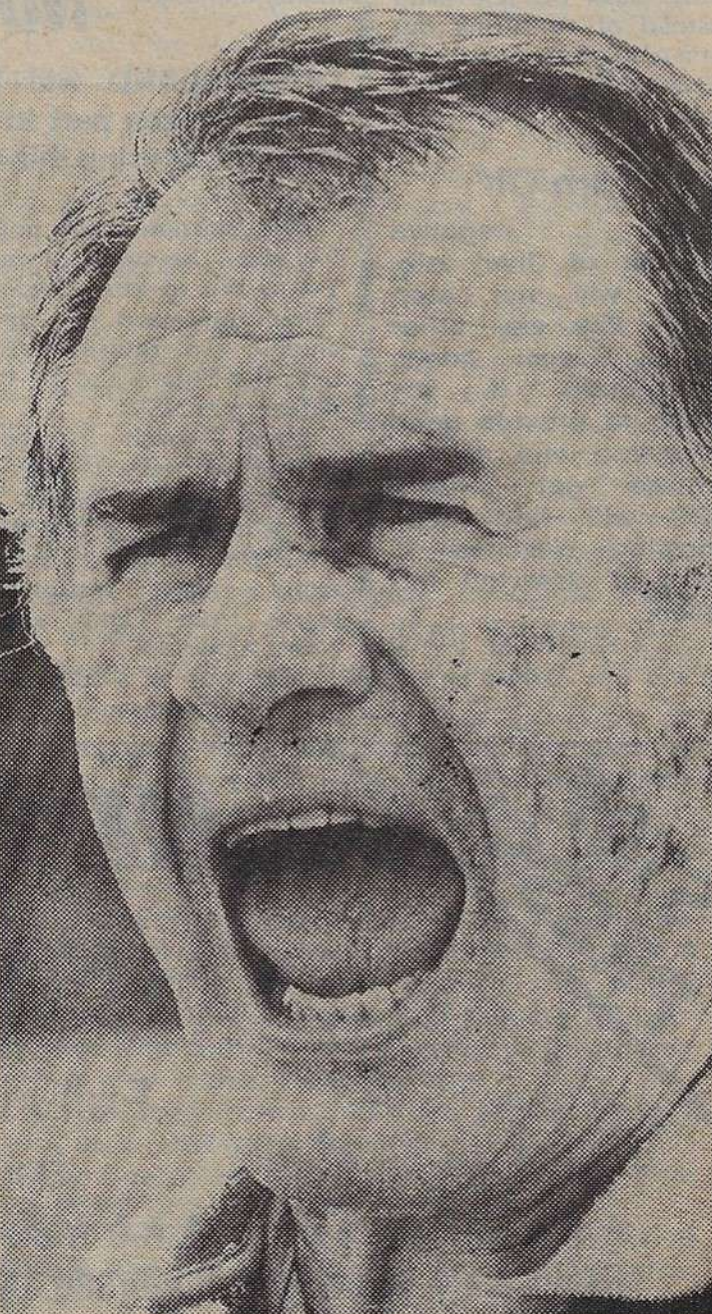
Ron Campbell converted, dashing St George's hopes for recovery.

It would appear Arok still has much work to do with his relatively young line-up.

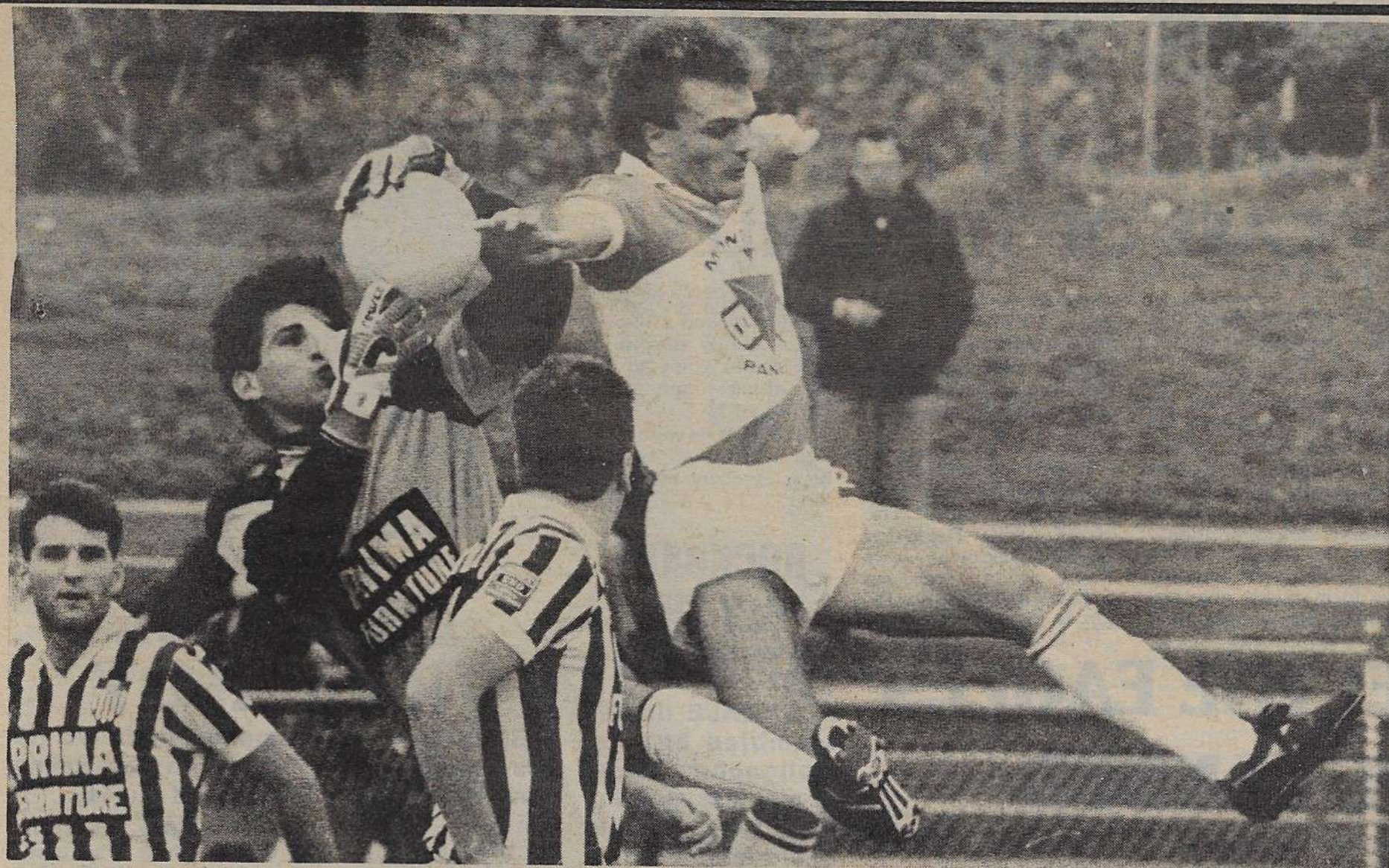
Once again they are finding goals hard to come by.

PRESTON: Traianidis, Opasnis, Piculovski, Jackson, McLennan, Tasevski (Slifkas 44), Ilioski, Campbell, Stuart, Jolevski, Gojevic.

ST. GEORGE: Gibson, Green, Moffitt, Kulscar, M. O'Shea, Slavski, Ricoy (Caleta 45), Fletcher (Lampropoulos 45), Ollerenshaw, O'Connor, Hagan.



FRANK AROK.



Brunswick goalkeeper Pat Marama collects safely despite the challenge from Stuart Stevenson of South Melbourne.

Photo Les Shorrock

BOLT OUT OF BLUE FOR HELLAS

SOUTH Melbourne scored a well merited victory over Juventus at Middle Park before 3000 spectators.

As so often happens on the narrow confines of that ground, the game developed into a mid-field struggle and in that department South won hands down.

But it took 69 minutes for the home side to break down the Black And White's defence and when the goal came it was like a bolt out of the blue.

South was well on top in the first half, even though Juve had the wind at its back, winning four corners to Juve's none.

Also, midfielder Carl Halford hit the Juve post with a shot that left goalkeeper Pat Marama flatfooted.

After the break the wind died down and Juventus soon found itself with its back to the ball.

Brian Brown cleared a powerful Charlie Egan header off the line but in the 65th minute South had the ball in the net.

However, referee Gary Power ruled that Egan had handled Steve Blair's header and the goal was disallowed.

The South faithfuls didn't have much longer to wait.

Four minutes later Richard Miranda picked up a loose ball 30 metres out from goal, volleyed hopefully and saw the ball fly into the top corner of the Juventus net.

Naturally, Miranda's joy was unbounded at having scored against his old club.

Juventus just had to come forward then and consequently left themselves vulnerable at the back.

South's Stuart Stevenson broke through and was felled unceremoniously by goalkeeper Marama.

But Marama made amends brilliantly saving Egan's weak spot kick.

In the dying minutes Fabio Incantalupo, playing nowadays at full-back, brought down Egan close to the goal-line.

As the two got to their feet and confronted each other, Stevenson bought into the argument and Incantalupo turned and spat in his face.

Referee Power showed him the red card without hesitation.

South coach Brian Garvey was quietly pleased after the game, saying Juventus worried him only in the final phases of each half.

Considering Halford's shot that hit the post, and the missed penalty, he thought the winning margin should have been greater.

For his part Juventus coach Len McKendry was philosophical about the defeat saying his midfield hadn't done enough to win the game.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, McDowall, Halford, Miranda, Wade, Crainie, Stevenson, Egan.

JUVENTUS: Marama, Lewis, Incantalupo, Yzendooran, Brown, Cullen, Grbac (Belic 67th), Durakovic, Patterson, Lane, Zinni.

APIA LOOKS THE TEAM AT HOME

BY JOHN MANGAN

APIA crushed Melbourne Croatia in front of a disappointingly small crowd at Olympic Park on Sunday but could only come away with a 1-0 victory.

Indeed, it was the Sydneysiders who looked like the home team as they quickly set to pressing the Croatia defence and refused to let the Croatia midfield settle down.

While Croatia's talented stars were struggling with the basics, APIA's Jean Paul de Marigny and Burim Zajmi were making trouble for the home

side with their darting runs.

Nevertheless, Croatia could have taken the lead in the 22nd minute when the ball fell in the area to Tony Lemezina, who hammered a volley from close range.

Tony Pezzano blocked the ball which in turn was blasted by Robbie Dunn and Paul Lewis but it just wouldn't go into the net.

In the 41st minute Pe-

ter Tredinnick set up the winning goal when he sent the ball forward for Rod Brown. The red-headed striker had too much pace for Alan Davidson and beat him, banging a shot past keeper Mirko Runje from the edge of the area.

The second half saw APIA tire and relinquish its stranglehold on the game but it wasn't until Andy Humble

came on 20 minutes from time that Croatia seriously threatened its opponents.

Two minutes later Lemezina made some ground on the right flank and sent in a cross which Humble got to and headed against the far post.

Croatia's problems are in midfield and the side was sorely missing Alan Scott, who had been a key figure in the previous weekend's victory over Heidelberg.

As for Olympic Park, the playing surface is still in poor shape and

when things are going on at the nearby Sports and Entertainment Centre and the MCG, as they were on Sunday, it is virtually impossible to find anywhere to park.

Unless this situation improves crowds of less than 2000 at Olympic Park seem likely to become the norm rather than the exception.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, Hannah, Davidson, McIntosh, Heys, Bliskic (Humble 70th), Dunn, Campbell, Lemezina, Wallace, Lewis.

APIA: Pezzano, M. Brown, Yankos, Bertogna, Butler, de Marigny, Bundalo, Zajmi, Katholos, R. Brown, Tredinnick.

MARCONI GET THEIR JUST REWARD

BY FRANK COLETTA

DESPITE a lapse in concentration during the second half Marconi were still much too strong for Footscray taking out the match 4-0.

Zlatko Nastevski masterminded the demolition and was ably supported by Ian Gray, making his first appearance back from injury after a six week lay-off.

It was the ex-Rockdale midfielder Nastevski who created the first three goals and after sixteen minutes his genius was there for all to see.

Marconi were awarded a free-kick and at first Tommy McCulloch was denied a quick take by a Footscray player standing over the ball.

As he retreated a couple of yards, Nastevski saw Steve Maxwell lurking on the edge of the area and slipped a pass into his path for the 22-year-old to open the account.

Just on the half hour Frank Farina also received an incisive through ball from Nastevski and ran away from the defence with ease to slam home the second goal.

It seemed at this stage that the Fairfielders would simply run away with the game but Zoran Nikitovic kept Farina at bay after he let fly with a beautiful volley.

Marconi struggled following the interval to ram home their superiority and Vlado Bozinovski gave them an awful scare at the 57 minute mark when he shook the crossbar with a fierce drive.

Footscray kept up a patchy attempt at breaking the Fairfield rear-guard but were never really able to find a telling pass or finish.

Two minutes from time Robbie Wheatley displayed his undoubted class when he finished a move with consummate ease.

He played a perfect pass with Nastevski and looked up to see Nikitovic racing out aimlessly. The Socceroo full-back steadied and chipped the Footscray gloveman beautifully from 35 metres.

Right on the whistle Farina slipped a pass beyond two JUST defenders and David Lowe, who had reverted to the forward line a little earlier, raced away to slide the ball into the right hand corner and claim his 50th goal in the NSL.

"It's been a long time coming," said a relieved Lowe, "but it finally did and I'm happy."

"I've had a few half chances this year and also a bit unlucky I guess on occasions but generally the scoring part of my game is what I'm working on."

"Even though I'm playing in midfield and slowly adapting to the new style I still have to score goals, today is a start."

His coach Roberto Vieri was wary that the lethargy displayed in the second half could be disastrous against more potent opposition.

"We will make sure that we don't play like that against Croatia. We were very bad in the second half, we took it too easy," he claimed.

His counterpart Drago Sekularac praised his side for the second half effort.

"You could say Marconi didn't do too well in the second half but we were the reason. We tried hard and were unlucky. Only if the side could keep up that sort of pressure always," he said.

MARCONI: Catlin, Carter, Wheatley, Henderson, Gomez, Gray, Lowe, Farina, Nastevski, Maxwell (Carbone 62), McCulloch.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, James, Karic, van Egmond, Tapai, Radivojevic (Buklak 54), Bozinovski, Lazopoulos, Lujic, Campbell, Spink.

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RADE'S RED CARD FAILS TO STOP THE 'GONG

Rade Stefanovski, Wolves' midfielder, was sent off last Saturday night at the Wollongong Showground.

It was the second time this season for Stefanovski to get his marching orders and with the scoreline standing at 1-1 it was hardly the time to get into the wars with the referee.

However, Randell Easthorpe produced a piece of football magic only two minutes later to give the home side its slender lead which Wolves managed to protect in the last 30 minutes of the game.

Robert Giraldi chested the ball to Easthorpe some 35 metres from goal and the ex Penrith striker strolled past four players before netting.

It turned out to be a goal which would decide the issue.

Wollongong City went ahead after 32 minutes when Stefanovski crossed for Giraldi to score from close range.

It was Giraldi's fourth goal in successive games and he now shares the goalscoring honours at Wollongong with Easthorpe, whose second half goal was also his fourth for the season.

Newcastle came back after an unusual error by Scott Dickson. He defence for once made an error by playing his pass accross the park, allowing Derek Caisley to intercept and beat Young in the 36th minute.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Dickson, Hollfield, Morlando, Stefanovski (sent off 58th), Hristovski, Alnsworth, Cokely, Giraldi, Easthorpe (75th Brodnik).

NEWCASTLE: Grills, Gresham, Milosevic, M.Drysdale, Cavanah, Ballie, Kaiser, Bland, McGuinness, M.Drysdale, Caisley.

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DEMONS ARE IN THE MOOD

BY ALEX VESIC

Blacktown City Demons played havoc at Cook Park to score five goals and send shivers amongst the rest of the State League promotion hopefuls.

Manly Warringah, despite its stumble at the Gabbie the week before, hammered Canterbury, while Melita disposed of Sutherland at Melita Stadium to start its own drive towards the top of the table.

RIVALS SET FOR THE CASE OF THE CHILLS

It was business as usual for the table top-pers, Blacktown City.

Their fine form was amplified by the number of goals scored so far and the depth of the team indicated by the fine results of its second grade outfit who are also leading the competition.

But the most impressive form of the new Demons, through the likes

of Kurt Reynolds and Jason Van Blerk as well as that of their midfield dynamo Paul Kay, looks the decisive factor in most matches played to date.

It will be interesting to see if Melita or Canberra can repeat the effort of Ku-Ring-Gai against Blacktown.

The challenge for the top is expected to come

from Melita, Wollongong City and Canberra while Manly despite its fine run is going to find the going tough as the rounds go by.

It is only a young side and its run so far has been excellent to say the least.

ROCKDALE GET THE STUMBLES

ROCKDALE Ilinden stumbled against Wollongong Macedonia last Sunday despite having its full compliment of players on the park for the first time since the start of the season.

The home side could have done much better early but a decision to pass rather than to shoot at goal from Alex Bottalico cost them dearly.

Bottalico was facing Milenkovskisome 16 metres from goal but instead of aiming for the net he decided to pass to Genovese. His pass was intercepted and that was the end of a very good opportunity.

Those who miss chances do not deserve to win. Well, it certainly applied to this game as Wollongong Macedonia pounced to score after another error by Rockdale this time by its keeper Ian Barker.

He collected a cross from the right hand side then dropped it. From the ensuing scramble Giraldi netted to give the visitors the winning goal.

Much was expected from the locals in the second half, alas it never eventuated as they stumbled and fumbled against some fierce and determined opposition.

Despite their problems the locals managed to create another clear cut opportunity in the closing stages of the match with Tortevski missing from close range.

Wollongong can claim that their chance which fell to Dean Gardiner midway through the second half was the best of the match. With the keeper out of play Gardiner failed to find an empty net.

It was a welcome win for the team from the South Coast in what was billed as the Macedonian derby and at the time when some internal problems caused the team some anxious moments.

"It is all behind us now, and we hope to string a few good results from here on," said the likeable secretary of Wollongong Macedonia, Bone Kezovski.

ROCKDALE: Barker, Mitrovski, G. Wilson, Boogaard, Pilovski, D. Wilson, Darlington, Bedoni (Risovski 58th), Tortevski, Bottalico (Markovski 58th), Genovese.

WOLLONGONG: Milenkovski, Ruskin, Sweeney, Muhibauer, Campbell, Willis, Allport, Bonetic, Dalkovski, Gardiner, Giraldi.



Paul Kay. He scored twice for Blacktown.

DEMONS RUN RIOT

Blacktown City Demons continued its scintillating form of late with a devastating win over Uruguayan Penrith last Sunday.

After an early burst by Uruguay which saw Ian Hunter miss one from close range it was all Blacktown City.

Adam Sandy opened the scoring in the eighth minute then Van Blerk added another close to half time to give Blacktown a two goal lead.

It was no contest in the second half as Blacktown, ably led by Paul Kay, turned the home side inside out with goals by William Jeffery and two by Paul Kay.

It was difficult to single out one player amongst the Demons, but Kay was a short head in front at the end with Jason Van Blerk and Kurt Reynolds close second and third.

Steve Watson had little to do during the second period as the visitors toyed with Uru-

guay making life difficult for those who tried so hard to revitalise the home team's fortunes in 1987.

John Bradley must have wished he stayed at Blacktown and the same could be said for Martin Bourke and John McKie.

Les Scheinflug was quite happy with his team's performance but is not getting carried away with success.

He feels that the end of the race is a long way away and that Melita, Wollongong and Canberra are a real threat.

URUGUAY: Rohas (46th Dimarchi), O'Donnell, Piriz (48th Thompson), Woods, Bourke, Gonzales, Batten, Bradley, Hunter, Genc, McKie.

BLACKTOWN: Watson, Maier, Reynolds, Denyer (Jeffery 65th), Sterrey, Northam, Ellem (43rd Byrne), Sandy, Kay, Van Blerk, Lee.

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	8	6	1	1	25	5	13
Wollongong City	8	5	1	2	16	14	11
Manly Warringah	8	5	0	3	10	10	10
Melita Eagles	8	3	3	2	15	11	9
Ku-Ring-Gai	8	3	3	2	11	8	9
Canberra Griffin	7	3	3	1	10	7	9
Rockdale Ilinden	8	3	2	3	9	8	8
Sutherland	8	2	4	2	9	9	8
Uruguayan Penrith	8	3	1	4	17	17	7
Canterbury	8	2	3	3	13	13	7
W'gong Macedonia	8	2	2	4	9	14	6
Newcastle R'buds	8	3	0	5	11	17	6
Warringah F/Water	8	2	0	6	8	16	4
Inter Monaro	7	1	1	5	10	24	3

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	8	7	1	0	24	6	15
Warringah F-Water	8	6	1	1	21	10	13
Uruguayan Penrith	8	6	1	1	10	6	13
Sutherland	8	5	1	2	22	13	11
Melita Eagles	8	5	0	3	29	9	10
Ku-Ring-Gai	8	5	0	3	11	7	10
W'gong Macedonia	8	4	2	2	8	9	10
Manly Warringah	8	3	1	4	6	10	7
Canterbury M'ville	8	2	0	6	8	16	4
Wollongong City	8	2	0	6	8	17	4
Canberra Griffin	7	2	0	5	10	21	4
Newcastle R'buds	8	2	0	6	7	22	4
Rockdale Ilinden	8	1	1	6	11	16	3
Inter Monaro	7	0	1	6	4	23	1

RESULTS

WOLLONGONG CITY 2 (Giraldi, Easthorpe) NEWCASTLE 1 (Caisley). WOLLONGONG MAC 1 (Giraldi) ROCKDALE 0. MANLY 3 (Mangham, Stuart, Carrick) CANTERBURY 0. MELITA 3 (Callanan, Rodrigues, Brown) SUTHERLAND 1 (Meades). BLACKTOWN 5 (Kay 2, Sandy, Van Blerk, Jeffery) PENRITH 0. KU-RING-GAI 3 (Quigley, Jeffery, Pepper pen) WARRINGAH 1 (DeCeglie). CANBERRA v IINTER MONARO postponed due to waterlogged ground.



Kiwi Greg Brown scored his first official goal for Melita.



Former St George midfielder John O'Shea in action during his days with the Saints.

BIG CLASH TO BRING OUT BEST

BY ALEX VESIC

Sutherland and Wollongong City will cross swords at Seymour Shaw Park in a game which promises to bring the best out of both sides.

At present neither side could claim favouritism and I feel that neither would score too many goals on the day.

It is going to be an interesting battle with

John O'Shea versus Cokely and Hall versus Dickson the highlight of the afternoon.

Warringah Freshwater has completed its eight weeks with only

NO GOALS NO POINTS FOR WARRINGAH

WARRINGAH Freshwater outplayed and outmanoeuvred Ku-Ring-Gai at Parklands but failed where it matters in the goal scoring department to eventually lose by a clear two goal margin.

Determined to atone for its recent poor showing, Warringah surprised its host with its fluent style of play but despite some openings failed to capitalise.

Martin Driene and Robert DeCeglie had chances close to half time but missed and at half time the scoreline read 0-0.

The story was much the same in the opening 20 minutes of the second half and it looked as if Warringah would win this game.

Dennis Corrigan provided an ideal opportunity for DeCeglie in the 55th, alas the young striker blasted his shot over the bar from a mere five metres!

Then came the shock goal and possibly the best goal of this match. Following a corner kick by Berry it was Chris Quigley who connected

with a full blooded volley from almost 30 metres to score and give Ku-Ring-Gai the lead.

Two minutes later Aaron Ferguson provided the spade work and Glen Jeffery sneaked one in off the far post with a well placed left footer.

Ruperto drove over the bar for Warringah then Simon Pepper made it 3-0 for Ku-Ring-Gai from the penalty spot after Warren brought down Jeffery to end what little chance was left for the visitors.

However, Warringah came back with DeCeglie scoring the consolation goal in the last minute of play.

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Camburn, Pepper, Berry (Sutherland 77th), Quigley, Bennett, Ferguson, Jeffery, Bass.

WARRINGAH: Warren, Gillan (75th Cassachia), Cleary, Watt, Radosavljevic, Knight, Campbell, Marshall (68th Ruperto), Corrigan, DeCeglie, Driene.

two wins but I believe that a run of success is not far away and that Inter Monaro will be the first amongst the victims at Grahames Reserve.

Canberra Griffins will have too many guns for the visiting Manly at Bruce Stadium and anything but a comfortable victory to the home side would surprise.

But, Canberra should watch out for Alf Stamp and his youngsters, especially Mark Cimarosti.

Canterbury Marrickville and Penrith Uruguay promises heaps of goals at Arlington and

that is exactly what I expect would happen with Uruguay having an edge in playing staff.

Borges and Arambasic versus Woods and O'Donnell!

Wollongong Macedonia will be a hard nut to crack after its good result against Ilinden, but I favour Melita to take the points.

Blacktown will face Rockdale in a game which is not going to be a walkover despite the Demons good form of late. There are too many good defenders at Rockdale to call this an easy one for Blacktown —

MANLY STAMP CANTERBURY

CANTERBURY Marrickville minus Nelio Borges failed to impress at Cromer Park and were on the receiving end for much of the game in losing by three clear goals.

It was so sweat for Alf Stamp, the coach of Manly Warringah.

"I was very happy with the attitude of my players following last week's minor disaster. We played steady if not attractive football and always looked like a team that was going to win," said an elated Stamp.

For the visitors everything fell apart after 25 minutes when Nigel Mangham chimed in to score for the home side.

The Berries tried hard to play constructive football but this fast and furious Manly side never allowed the visitors room to move.

Midway through the second half Mick Carick, replacement for Wayne Pearce in this game, ran past four players but was brought

down outside the penalty area. Robbie Stuart took the free kick and Carrick was at the end of it to make it 2-0.

Stuart completed Manly's biggest win to date with the 76th minute goal with Canterbury tiring fast.

Canterbury had its own chances in this match hitting the woodwork and generally competing well but its finishing left a lot to be desired.

The absence of Nelio Borges was evident as young Zlatko Arambasic toiled up front with little service coming from midfield.

MANLY: Tingle, Dennis, Mangham, Williams, Robin, Etherington, Juergens, Carrick, Ferguson, Cimarosti, Stuart.

CANTERBURY: Hummell, Antoniadis, Vadarakis, Radman, Mickovski, George, Stamos (Licata), Alexakis, Kalogeras, Andromidas (Dimopoulos), Arambasic.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Polonia	8	6	2	0	30	6	14
Fairy Meadow	8	5	1	2	20	9	11
N. Bankstown	8	4	3	1	10	7	11
Sy Maccabi	8	5	1	2	16	11	10
Kingsford Hell	8	4	2	2	15	11	10
SSC Yugal	7	4	1	2	14	13	9
Blacktown Utd	6	3	2	3	10	10	8
Queens Park	8	4	0	4	6	8	8
Bathurst '75	8	3	1	4	6	7	7
North S-Art	8	3	0	5	11	18	6
Avala	7	0	4	3	8	12	4
Dee Why S	8	1	2	5	8	15	4
Gladesville-H	8	1	2	5	6	16	4
Campbelltown	8	1	1	6	5	17	3

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Polonia	8	6	2	0	23	9	14
C'belltown C	8	6	1	1	20	12	13
Gladesville-H	8	5	1	2	20	13	11
Queens Park	8	4	3	1	12	6	11
Kingsford H	8	4	2	2	24	12	10
Yugal	7	4	1	2	17	8	9
Blacktown	8	4	1	3	16	17	9
Avala	7	3	2	2	18	14	8
Bathurst	8	2	3	3	11	16	7
Nth Bankstown	8	2	2	4	15	23	6
Dee Why S	8	2	0	6	10	17	4
Fairy Meadow	8	1	1	6	16	25	3
Nth Syd Art	8	1	1	6	15	28	3
Syd Maccabi	8	1	0	7	5	22	2

STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 GR 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Queens Park	8	7	1	0	39	3	15
Kingsford H	8	7	1	0	35	3	15
N. Bankstown	8	6	2	0	29	3	14
Campbelltown	8	6	0	2	30	6	12
Avala	7	5	1	1	21	4	11
Yugal	7	5	0	2	15	6	10
Dee Why S	8	4	0	4	7	10	8
Polonia	8	2	1	5	15	17	5
Bathurst '75	8	2	1	5	9	18	5
Fairy Meadow	8	2	1	5	8	22	5
Gladesville-H	8	2	0	6	16	19	4
Blacktown U	8	1	1	6	5	22	3
N. Sydney Art	8	1	0	7	3	68	2
Syd Maccabi	8	0	1	7	0	31	1

Round 8

Granville Chile	5	2	1	30	8	12
West United	6	0	2	21	12	12
Uniof NSW	5	2	1	17	8	12
Port Hacking	6	0	2	19	12	12
Campbelltown	4	3	1	19	11	11
Rooty Hill	4	1	3	19	11	9
Mt.Druitt	3	3	2	11	7	9
Concordia	4	0	4	20	16	8
Bondi Marine	2	2	4	9	13	6
King Tomislav	3	0	5	15	28	6
Moorebank	1	3	4	8	11	5
Baulkham Hills	2	1	5	7	13	5
North Ryde	2	1	5	9	22	5
Canterbury	0	0	8	9	41	0

CONSISTENCY NEEDED AT NORTH SYDNEY

NORTH SYDNEY ARTARMON coach Allan Boyce's biggest worry this season is the lack of consistency in his team — a good performance one week is followed by a poor display the next.

At Valentine Park against Queens Park this weekend, North Sydney were outplayed all afternoon and never got into the game.

The first half set the pattern of the game with North Sydney rarely looking dangerous, but coping with the Queens Park pressure confidently.

North Sydney started the game with second grade goalkeeper Sid Thompson due to regular Paul Enright's late arrival.

Enright arrived just as Thompson had to leave the field with cramp. He couldn't walk.

Even so, North Sydney with Lee Self making his debut in first grade, could not get going due mainly to the bustling Queens Park.

At halftime, North Sydney looked to be still

in it with a chance.

Queens Park dictated the second half even more than the first and, even though Queens Park missed chance after chance, it looked as though it might be North Sydney's day and they would snatch an undeserved point.

In the last minute Queens Park substitute Avi Ronen was fouled as he pushed the ball past the defender.

The penalty was converted by Frank Leyden and Queens Park got the points.

Although disappointed by losing by a last minute penalty, the general consensus of opinion in the North Sydney change rooms was it could have been seven.

On a brighter note for North Sydney, Simon Scar and Stephen

Layson continued to look at home in first grade.

Polonia continued its unbeaten run in both first and second grade with firsts beating highly rated Maccabi 6-1 and seconds winning 2-0.

Leading 2-0 at half-time, the highlight was a goal by 1985 Rothmans medal winner Henry Sobczyk which literally ripped a hole in the net.

Other scorers were two goals each by Jurek Dyrs and Bobby Antic and one by Stefan Janic.

This Polonia team is probably the best the club has ever had.

In past years the sides were held together by a handful of Polish veterans with the rest merely making up the numbers.

In this side, every player contributes substantially to the team.

THIRD DIVISION IS EVEN

AFTER round eight, a round of surprise results, four teams share the competition lead.

West United toppled Port Hacking 4-2 after leading by four at half-time.

For Wests Gary Newson capped a fine game by putting his name on the scoresheet after earlier goals from Eric Hedges and an own goal.

A concerted effort by Port saw them pull back two goals with 25 minutes remaining.

West's keeper Barton Bonnici was in fine form

however and denied them any further score.

At Hammondville Park the home side Moorebank showed great tenacity and courage to grab a 1-all draw with Rooty Hill despite being reduced to nine men with two sendoffs.

The game itself was not conducive to good football and was marred by physical tactics.

Uni of NSW continued

their good recent form with a sparkling 2-0 win over Baulkham Hills.

Reduced to 10 men just before half-time they went ahead in the 50th minute through a penalty converted by Benecke and wrapped up the points 15 minutes later with a goal from midfielder Dowe.

For Uni left midfielder Craig Osborne had an outstanding game while Hills were best served by Dwyer.

State Bank SOCCER LEAGUE

THIS WEEKS MATCHES

SATURDAY 9th MAY

Newcastle Rosebud

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Vs Ku-ring-gai

Adamstown Oval

2ND DIVISION

Nth Syd Artamon

Polonia

Avala

Vs Sydney Maccabi

Vs Dee Why Swans

Vs Kingsford

Artamon Res

Chopin Park

Knight Park No.4

3RD DIVISION

Granville

Canterbury Dist

Vs Moorebank

Vs Bondi Marine

Garside Park

Blick Oval

SUNDAY 10th MAY

Warringah F/Water

Canberra City

Cant M'ville Oly

Blacktown City

Wollongong Mac

Sutherland

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

Vs Inter Monaro

Vs Manly Warringah

Vs Uruguayan Penrith

Vs Rockdale Ilinden

Vs Melita Eagles

Vs Wollongong City

Graham Res

Bruce Stad

Arlington Oval

Gabbie Stad

Berkeley S/G

Seymour Shaw Pk

2ND DIVISION

Gladesville Hby

Nth Bankstown

Bathurst '75

Fairy Meadow

Vs Campbelltown City

Vs Queens Park

Vs SSC Yugal

Vs Blacktown Utd

Pioneer Pk

Potts Park

Proctor Park

Woll Police Boys Ov

3RD DIVISION

Rooty Hill

King Tomislav

Campbelltown

Uni of NSW

West United

Vs Nth Ryde RSL

Vs Mt Druitt Town

Vs Baulkham Hills

Vs Port Hacking

Vs Concordia

Cawarra Park

Croatian S/G

Bensley Rd S/G

Little Bay Ov

Harold Read Res

State Bank

JOHN MANGAN'S
overview of the
Victorian State
League matches

DINAMO MIDFIELD PUTS THEM ON TOP

THE midfield strength of St. Albans Dinamo put the team back into the top four with a 2-0 win at Western Suburbs.

Suburbs, who had been knocking at the door of the top four, received a setback in the 37th minute when a lapse in concentration by Steve Dimovski saw him give the ball away to Goran Runje who, in the confusion, shot the ball past keeper Spiro Kardamitsis.

Apart from the goal, both teams had opportunities to score in an even first half.

In the 20 minutes after half-time though, Dinamo asserted its midfield authority and Suburbs could be seen to be missing John Cullen's strength in that department.

Dinamo's second goal came in the 63rd minute when Ivan Duzel lobbed a ball to Dennis Morovic who made no mistake with his far post header.

Minutes later Duzel was involved in a one-two which drew a brilliant save from Kardamitsis.

In the last quarter-hour Dinamo seemed content to ease back a bit and protect its lead and Alex Kountouris set up an opportunity for Suburbs to get a goal back but David Smallman's shot went wide.

WESTERN SUBURBS: Kardamitsis, Macleod, Stefanidis, Kyriazis, Dimovski, Palmaricciotti, Hamill, Farmer, Minh (Kountouris 75th), Tuck, Smallman.

DINAMO: Grgic, Collina, Kuzman, Krajacic, Wilson, Duzel, Batinovic, Culina (Dragovic 85th), Rastocic, Morovic, Runje.

VICTORIAN TABLES

IN this issue we publish tables for Victorian State League and Victorian League One and Two.

Our new system is being installed today, which will enable us to obtain and publish the various tables supplied by the Victorian Soccer Federation in future.

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NORTHCOTE GRAB FIRST

WIN AFTER NINE WEEKS POLONIA GO TO THE TOP



NINO DI MARTINO of Thomastown goes airborne to control the ball with his chest. **Stuart Cannell** (Green Gully) closes his eyes in contemplation.
— Photo CARMELO BAZZANO

NINE weeks into the Buffalo State League season Northcote notched up its first victory away to Thomastown.

Thomastown had its hot new \$5,000-recruit from Melbourne Croatia, Victor Cristaldo, on display but though he came close to scoring he could not salvage a result for his new side.

Croydon has pulled off something of a coup with its signing of Tony Redmond, also from

Croatia.

Caulfield was vying for his signature and was prepared to pay Croatia's asking price of \$4,000 but Redmond was keen to join Jim Tansey's outfit.

Meanwhile Polonia's visa-player Gregorchuk is moving to Broadmeadows during the week and will line up against his old club when the two teams



Action from the Caulfield-Frankston Pines game.

meet next weekend.

His move gives Polonia the opportunity to import another player to consolidate its bid for

the State League title.

Polonia went to the top of the table this weekend following its victory over Croydon.

CHEERS FOR SIDES

BOTH teams were cheered off the pitch as Springvale and Green Gully shared the honours in a spectacularly attacking and competitive encounter at Ross Reserve on Sunday which ended at 1-1.

The game started at a furious pace and it came as no surprise when Steve McLelland climbed above the casual Vale defence to head a well-flighted David Hogben cross into the back of the net.

However, the Springvale team, though not at full strength lacking the likes of Dragan Vasic and Ian Loughnane, rose to the occasion and initiated a blitz on the Gully goal.

The attack reaped its

reward in the 25th minute when Gary Hobson sent in a cross which Greg House met with a diving header.

The outstretched Lou Denys could only palm the ball into the roof of the net.

Though the rest of the game produced no goals it was not short on incident.

No sooner did one team appear to gain the upper hand than the other would take over at the other end.

At the final whistle both coaches, Bobby McLachlan and Gus Macleod, were in agreement that the draw had been a fair result and that if there were more games like it, soccer would have no troubles with falling attendances.

SPRINGVALE: Boland, Vogel, Hobson, Adams, Bissinger, Swinscoe, Garvey, Stewart, House, Kral, Williams.

GREEN GULLY: Denys, Hogben, Douglas, Grimaud, Carter, Cannell, O'Donnell, Quigley, McLelland, Cumming, Sweeney.

REDMOND FAILS

Tony Redmond made his debut for Croydon but could not stop Polonia winning 2-1 to continue its run for honours.

While the result puts Polonia on top of the Buffalo State League, its coach was quick to praise the visitors.

Full marks to Croydon, said Miron Bleiberg after the game. They were tough but fair and deserved a point from the match.

In spite of their lowly position now, I predict that they will easily finish in the top third of the table this year.

The first half was a fairly even affair and though Croydon had the better of the chances it was Polonia who went in at half-time a goal up.

The goal came at the 30 minute mark when Jan Wycislik sent the ball wide on the right for Kees Storm. Storm centred and Wycislik was at the far post to head home.

In the second half Jim Tansey's team put Polonia under constant pressure with the player-coach and Alec Livingston pumping balls into the box where big defender Aki Kotzamichalis was having a great game.

However, Croydon's strategy bore fruit in the 60th minute when a ball

into the area rebounded to Gary Cole who blasted in a spectacular shot from 18 metres.

Croydon's joy was short-lived though as only three minutes later Gerry Bennett found space and put in a cross

for Kees Storm to head the winner for Polonia.

POLONIA: Kiss, Lipiarski (Marshall 60th), Bennett, Kotzamichalis, Smolarek, Flavell, Storm, Nelson, Czaplak (Gregorchuk 85th), Wycislik, Lakic.

CROYDON: Waterman, M.Brown, O'Reilly, Brack, Tansey, Beech, Cole, Redmond, Livingston, French, J.Nelson.

NORTHCOTE'S SURPRISE

NORTHCOTE pulled off the surprise of the round by notching up a 2-1 win away to Thomastown, its first victory for the season.

Ironically, the team which had gone seven games without a win got its first result on the day that former coach, Juan Toro, returned to the team.

Toro lined up in the midfield for Northcote alongside Kenny Drakeford who had a good game and Pedro Ramos who scored in 27th minute and was sent off in the 80th minute for abusing Nino Di Martino.

Thomastown began the game with 15-year-old Paul di Propertis in defence but he was taken off early in the game to give Mike Lynn's midweek signing from Croatia, Victor Cristaldo, a run.

Lynn clinched the \$5,000 deal last Thursday and Cristaldo had little trouble settling into the team's pattern of play.

Di Martino opened the scoring for the home team in the 11th minute when he beat four players and rifled a shot past Mark Turudia.

It looked like Frank Munro's side was in for another fruitless afternoon, but the game swung its way 10 minutes later when George McMillan foolishly played a square ball across the area under pressure to Cosentino.

The ensuing tangle led to a penalty which Bekiaris slammed home to put Northcote back in

the match.

Five minutes later Ramos turned the game on its head when he took the ball down the left side to the touchline and snuck a right foot cross in at the near post.

Northcote had the better of the game for the rest of the half but when Thomastown fought back in the second session it could not score the goals to deny the visitors their timely triumph.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi, Di Propertis (Cristaldo 23rd), McMillan (sent off 75th), Cosentino, Arcoraci, Carfora, Di Martino, Jankulovski, Coyle, McGuinness, Temos.

NORTHCOTE: Turudia, Stiliadis, Patiniotis, Kouremenos, J.Constantinou, Drakeford, Ramos (sent off 80th), Toro, Tsangios, Toal, Bekiaris.

CRUCIAL WIN FOR BROADMEADOWS

Fans were treated to an open, flowing game of football at Wembley Park on Saturday as Box Hill battled it out to a 1-1 draw with visiting Broadmeadows.

The result came at a crucial time for Broadmeadows who had yet to draw a game this season till this weekend.

Under the new leadership of coach Bill Podlewski the point his team earned kept Broadmeadows clear of bottom position held by Northcote which joins Broadmeadows on three points after its weekend victory but has an inferior goal-difference.

The speed of the Box Hill forwards caused problems for the visitors' defence and after 12 minutes a deep cross to the far post from Andy McMillan was only half-cleared and fell to George Campbell

who shot the Hillmen into the lead.

Broadmeadows fought back though and in the 25th minute levelled the scores.

Peter Kadlecik was put through on the left side and from the corner beat his defender to float in a cross over keeper John McKinlay at the near post to striker Terry Nolan who was waiting at the far post.

Box Hill looked the more dangerous of the teams for the rest of the first half but seemed to slow down in the second half allowing Broadmeadows to become more competitive.

BOX HILL: McKinlay, Davidson, Roodhouse, Hird, McMillan, Hennessy, Burton, Brimmer (Taylor 78th), Mozzina, Mori, Campbell.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Mezzatesta, Donaldson, Alcaraz, A.Ciantar, Edmondson, Liberto (Higham 35th), Vizzini, Stolkos (Mizzi 73rd), Nolan, P.Kadlecik.

BIG DEFENCE EARNS POINT

SOME solid defence and an uncanny ability to adapt to difficult circumstances saw Frankston Pines come away from Caulfield on Saturday with a 1-1 draw.

The steady flow of talent away from the club this season has seen coach Danny McMinnee field many makeshift combinations and this week's new face came in the form of reserve goalkeeper Roffe Gugaysan who filled in at the last moment for regular keeper Branko Radoy who mysteriously failed to appear.

Caulfield had a strong wind at its back in the first half but failed to capitalise on it.

In the second half Caulfield got on top only to see Pines take the lead in the 58th minute when Richie Armstrong ran onto a Dave Ferris through ball and smashed it into the back of the Caulfield net.

Undeterred Caulfield bounced back to level the scores within a minute when striker Lou Theodosopoulos struck a shot which hit the post. He followed up sharply to put the rebound past Gugaysan.

Winger Craig Miller was given his marching orders in the 80th minute and with his automatic suspension for next week's game, McMinnee will have to find yet another combination to continue Pines' battle this season.

CAULFIELD: Madjer, Filipou, Michell, Harris, Koutos, Hamakiotis, Sahinidis (Xynas 80th), Tsitridis, Theodosopoulos, Griffin, Abram.

FRANKSTON PINES: Gugaysan, Thurlow, Park, Watson, Bozic, Smith, Harvey, Buchanan, Armstrong, Ferris, Miller (sent off 80th).

GEORGE MURRAY HAS HIS HEART IN PRESTON

BY GREG BLAKE

PRESTON Makedonia coach Bill Murray was, if not a little hurt, at least stung into action in defence of his team and club after an away game at Brunswick Juventus.

Preston's weakened team came away from Olympic Park with a point after a 1-1 draw that day but his formerly friendly rival, Brunswick coach Len McKendry, was scathing in his criticism of the way Preston played.

The comments that McKendry made, and to a lesser extent those by former Preston and now Brunswick striker Sean Lane, angered the normally placid Makedonia boss.

"I wasn't hurt by what Len said — I'm too thick-skinned for that", Murray said a couple of days after the game.

"I just have to look after my club and players.

"And as far as that game was concerned I just wasn't going to subject my players to the type of Soccer that suits Juventus and get into a situation where they can win from their strengths.

"We played to nullify their strengths and exploit their weaknesses and it's a simple as that," Murray said defiantly.

Murray is into his third years as Preston coach and it would be fair to say he's seen contrasting sides of the game over that short period.

In 1985 Murray was within an ace of success twice only to have his dreams shattered in a matter of minutes.

In the NSL Cup Final at St George Stadium Preston led Sydney Olympic into the 81st minute of a memorable game before Olympic struck twice in three minutes to take the trophy.

A matter of months later Preston's barnstorming finish to the year saw the club into the old Southern Division Grand Final against Juventus.

With six minutes remaining Preston was on course for the national play-off until two inspired Juventus

FAWKNER proved the sternest test yet for the young Institute of Sport team in the Canberra-based side's 3-0 victory.

Both teams adapted well to the greasy conditions at Bruce Stadium in a game which was played in constant rain.

Paul Welch broke the deadlock seven minutes into the second-half when he won the ball in a goalmouth skirmish from a Craig Foster shot, and slammed it past keeper Richard Wilson.

The Institute continued to push forward and 10 minutes from time Alistair Edwards found himself in a one-on-one with keeper Wilson.

Wilson narrowed the angle beautifully and blocked the striker's shot but it rebounded to Edwards who turned it in off the post.

AIS: Gunning, Healy inj (Gibson 80th), Cummings, Horvath, C. Foster, P. Foster, Clarkson, Koch, Nicolaou, Welch, Edwards.

FAWKNER: Wilson, Ferla, Chiavelli, Walsh, Schipano, Ecchila, Pallikas, Stenson, Tuffield, D. Brown.

goals inside two minutes tore victory from the club yet again.

"I'd inherited a fine team that year but the club had had some problems before the season started and in the end we went beyond our wildest expectations", Murray recalled.

"It was a good season but in the end it was heartbreaking for us.

"We should have won both games — we were the



STEVE GOJEVIC... back on deck.

best team both times.

"We were just devastated to have success taken away so cruelly and in the end it proved to be the last chance for some of our older players."

Moved On

George McMillan, probably the most courageous player ever to play for the Conner Reserve team and due for a testimonial later

this year, was to leave Preston at the end of that season.

Other battle-weary Preston favorites like Ljube Petrovski and Gordon Flavell left as well along with Kiwi Richard Wilson and Robbie Dunn, lured to big-spending West Adelaide.

In their places came young new faces — Ian Roodhouse, Mike McLennan, Nick van Egmond and Ronnie Campbell.

It was the start of the rebuilding process that Murray believes has now set the club up with a team that can last them for years.

Season 1986 wasn't to see the team recapturing its brilliance of the previous campaign and the team didn't make the finals.

The irony was that they finished 1986 a point better off than the previous year and just two games from the champion team despite a discouraging run of injuries.

"I think the key to 1986 was having Steve Smith out for so long and with him out the goals dried up," Murray explained.

When Smith returned Preston found its touch again and in a late bid for the top five it was undefeated in five games against the five teams to contest the finals.

Trouble

On the eve of the 1987 season there was further turmoil in the camp.

On top of losing Sean Lane to Juventus (and pocketing a tidy \$30,000 in the process) there was the well publicised 'sacking' of veterans Gary Cole and Graham Heys.

"Firstly I've got to say I think it's sad that Gary is not playing at the top level again," Murray told ASW.

"I thought he had at least another season in him and I wanted both he and Graham in the squad for this season.

"But they both asked for highly paid contracts, which the club went a long way toward meeting, but in the end it was impossible to get the money they wanted.

"I wanted them there and I tried to help them as much as possible but the club said they had to go."

Murray says it's hard to lose good players and he should know — quite a number have taken up better offers at more affluent clubs since he's been at Makedonia.

"I am a great admirer of Sean (Lane) but he felt he wasn't being considered as a straight out striker by me and he took up the Juventus offer", Murray explained.

Once again Murray was left with the job of trying to mould a new-look team and when his outfit hardly flattered in early pre-season games Preston was written off as certain relegation candidates.

But with the season five games old Preston is looking everything but a league easybeat.

Defeated just once — and a rather unlucky defeat at home to Sydney Croatia at that — and Preston is rolling along once again.

In straight transfer fees Preston has spent just \$10,000 and picked up Steve Jackson, John Stewart, Zoran Tacevski and Steve Gojevic and that handy quartet is to be added to soon with the inclusion of Vardar Skopje striker Goce Dimovski.

The \$30,000 received for Lane has been well spent.

Tacevski, Gojevic, Ian Roodhouse and Ian Dobson were missing with injury for



Sean Lane pictured here in action for leading Melbourne club Brunswick Juventus.

the away game at Brunswick.

Quality Street

With the return of that quartet and the inclusion of Dimovski the Preston boss believes he'll have a "quality squad."

"We've got a team that is going to be second to none in this league this season", Murray says with grim determination.

"We are not only hard to beat with a strong defence but we play some good attacking football — Sydney Croatia will testify to that.

"We are strong and young but with a touch of experience and this team is being built to last the club for years.

"I'm prepared to bring in younger players and work

with them — we want to win something but I'm not prepared to send the club broke to do it."

Murray's record at Makedonia and before that in his five years at Box Hill bear testimony to that.

This season the likes of George Jolevski, Bill Piculovski, George Gagic, Mike Brian and George Slivkas are expected to play a big part in the ultimate success or failure of Preston.

The youngsters have hardly cost the club a penny.

Murray is very proud of his record at the club — both on the field and off it.

"This is the best managed club in the country", he says proudly.

"The year before I came here the club was \$60,000 in debt and in the past two

years in transfer dealings alone we've collected \$59,000.

"Preston is a great club to work for."

Murray leaves one with the impression that his heart and soul are in his coaching and with his club and players.

It's not hard to understand why he defended them all so vehemently when they came under attack after the Juventus game.

"I believe coaching involves more than just kicking balls about a couple of times a week.

"Objectivity, management skills of the highest degree, motivation, communication and the ability to plan — that is what coaching is about to me.

"And it's not an easy job."

GOALS TO BE A PRIORITY

THE failure to turn opportunities into goals cost Morwell Falcons dearly when they lost 1-0 at home to Oakleigh on Saturday.

On Wednesday Falcons mark the installation of full floodlighting at their Gippsland base with a game against the Latrobe Valley league select and Falcons' coach Dave O'Connor will be making goals his top priority.

"It's very frustrating," he said after the game.

"We are doing enough around the park, but if you can't get the ball in the back of the net you don't deserve to win."

While Falcons missed chances which fell to last season's leading scorer Iain Stirton and Effie Cassar, Oakleigh was lethal on the break.

Jimmy Ross was a tower of strength in mid-field for the visitors and Ally Dick, playing deep, had a good game.

Kris Kalifatidis' team punished Falcons' inability to score 10 minutes after half-time when as Oakleigh attacked on the break, Emil Bruns could only half clear a centre.

His clearance was shot back into the goalmouth and ricocheted to Steve Irvine who found himself all on his own and had plenty of time to steady and shoot his team into the lead.

MORWELL: Eacott, Colachello (Sostak 75th), Clarke, Bruns, Kotis, E. Cassar, O'Callaghan, Tutill, Webster, Stirton, A. Cassar.
OAKLEIGH: Odensidis, Laletas, Cumming, Langsbury, Pahljina, S. Gusic, J. Gusic, Ross (Andriotis 60th), Pollitt, Dick, Irvine.

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FORMER NSW Soccer Federation chairman Peter McCann made a special trip from Melbourne to attend the Aulden Brown farewell evening at the Croatian Soccer club.

Peter is now stationed in Melbourne as Australian manager of the James Hardie Spicers paper merchants group.

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CONGRATULATIONS to soon to take office NSW Federation secretary Ian Holmes and Vicki on the birth of their 7½ lb son Daniel.

It seems that Frank Arok has been advised of the youngster's future availability to the National team. Mr Holmes is due to take over as secretary on June 1.

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CLINT GOSLING (above) is in the top echelon of goalkeepers in the country — of this there is no doubt — and until recently he was without a club until Melita Eagles stepped in to sign him.

After the collapse of Sydney City, Clint said: "I've had two National League clubs and they've both folded around me!"

The other was Newcastle KB United.

ADELAIDE City hope to have Youth Socceroo John Koch in their line-up this weekend.

They have been negotiating with the young defender and ASI coach Ron Smith.

Koch was City's guest at the home game against Olympic and liked what he saw.

And he won't feel lost. Tim Mullen, brother of City striker Joe, is in the club's senior squad and was at the institute with Koch.

The pair had a reunion before the Olympic match.

FRANK AROK's Socceroos will receive a real blooding in preparation for the Olympic Games when they contest the President's Cup in South Korea in June.

Their games in Group B are:

Tuesday June 9: v Morocco, Kangnung, Thursday June 11: v Deportivo Espanol of Argentina, Kyongju, Saturday June 13: v Kuwait, Taegu, Monday June 15: v Korea B, Suwon, Wednesday June 17: v VVV FC of Holland in Inchon.

The semi-finals, featuring the winners and runners-up from Group A and B, will take place at the Olympic Stadium in Seoul on Friday June 19, with the final at the same ground on Sunday June 21.

The teams in Group A are: Chile, Egypt, Thailand, USA, Korea A and a leading club team from Eastern Europe.

SYD FAIRS, one time Soccer writer and then sporting editor of Wollongong's excellent daily newspaper Illawarra Mercury, specialises these days in writing bowls.

However it doesn't take long for him to nose out a good Soccer story. Soccer writer Phil Murphy, ASW's Wollongong correspondent only has to go out on the job or take his day off and Syd has the sport well covered. In fact the paper has close to the best Soccer stories in the country.



TERRY BUTLER (left) and CHARLIE YANKOS (right) welcome new boy JEAN PAUL de MARGNY to the APIA Leichhardt club.

THERE will be a big reunion of former first grade Auburn players, advises LEN QUESTED. It will be held at the Auburn Soccer Club, 5 Northumberland Rd, Auburn on Saturday May 16, kicking off at 4.30pm. Those wishing to attend should ring the club on 646 3511 so that catering arrangements can be completed.

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IT was a great day for Adelaide City the other week, and not just because the champions grabbed a 2-2 draw with Olympic after being down 2-1.

Six minutes into the game fans were still queuing at two gates to get in.

Officials have now warned them to get to the ground earlier.

Some missed the opening City goal, scored by Andy Toland in the ninth minute.

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JOE Mullen, Adelaide City striker, has possibly set a record for a comeback after a knee operation.

He missed only two league games before taking the field for a full game against Olympic after having a "foreign body" removed from his right knee.

While obviously lacking a "gallop," he came through unscathed, although he admitted that at one point the knee tightened on him.

quoted as being of the opinion that Crino is so fat at the moment "he wouldn't last 20 minutes in a League game."

And the Footscray search for a centre-half goes on. Footscray's main problem is that it has a full visa quota at the moment, and it can't move for another overseas player until Tyrone James gets his permanency, which could be whenever. In the event, don't be surprised to see Vojislav Vukcevic in a navy-blue shirt again.

"Yes, I know we had a lot of problems with him last year," says Sterpin, "but our coach thinks he could still do a good job for us." Footscray also still clings to the hope that it can bring back Drago Deankovic, that very good back who left Melbourne Croatia late last year.

But Croatia is adamant that Deankovic is still suspended and won't be playing for any club in Australia until that little matter is cleared up.

As for stories that Deankovic somehow managed to obtain a FIFA clearance and played for Yugoslav First Division club Osijek... it's all bunkum says Croatia president Jack Skobljar.

State League champion Croydon City, thwarted in its bid for Humble, might have better luck with Tony Redmond. Redmond is on Croatia's transfer list at \$4000, and Croydon coach Jim Tansey wants him badly for a defence that has sprung a few leaks lately.

Redmond could be away any time now. Croydon have offered \$3,500 for him and it's only a matter of time before the \$500 gap is bridged. Maybe Croydon will make up the difference with a roll of carpet, as they did when they bought Dave Brogan, also from Croatia.

HENNESSEY RETURNS BUT MacLEAN

BY LES SHORROCK

MELBOURNE Croatia's win over Heidelberg certainly appeased the angry Croatia supporters, who only the week before had wanted Terry Hennessey's head on a platter, but it didn't stem the flow of speculation regarding Hennessey's absence from the game.

Rumours were rife that the coach had been sacked and that Peter Ollerton had taken over. The truth was that Ollerton HAD taken over, but only for that one game, whilst Hennessey was

season spending spree, has not been sighted at the club for two weeks.

MacLean became dissatisfied with city life after living and working in laid-back Morwell and rumour has it that he's back in the Latrobe Valley town. His ex-Croydon team-mate, Andy Humble is also somewhat disenchanted, but for a different reason. After he had had a few outings with the senior team in the Buffalo Cup, Humble was told he would not be figuring in Hennessey's plans for the National League.

Croatia offered him back to Croydon, and Humble was more than willing to go, but the VSF stepped in and said the move wasn't on... Humble had already had his one transfer for the year.

This baffled Croatia, who pointed to the case of Chris Middlemast, who had with South Melbourne briefly last year. South had a striker problem at the time and bought Middlemast from Victorian League club

Nunawading City.

But after two games South found he didn't fill the bill and sold him back to Nunawading.

But VSF executive director George Wallace says the rule has been changed and now it's strictly one move a season only. ASF Secretary Brian Emery says that Victoria is the only state with such a rule, so it's hard luck for Humble.

Meanwhile Footscray is hotly denying that it is going broke, whatever the players who had to wait for their wages might say.

"How can we be going broke," says team manager Joe Sterpin, "when we have just paid out \$40,000 for Oscar Crino?" Sterpin went on to say that although the team is playing badly, he expects it to improve dramatically once Crino is match-fit again, which should be in two weeks time.

Coach Drago Sekularac is



JIM MacLEAN

recovering from a bad attack of flu.

Hennessey is now back on deck and fully in charge.

What is a real mystery is the whereabouts of Jim MacLean. The 1984 Rothmans Medal winner, whom Croatia bought from Croydon City, together with Andy Humble in its close



OSCAR CRINO



ROD BROWN (front) and VIC BOZANIC (background) sign Soccer balls for keen youngsters during one of many social functions organised by the APIA club.

JOHNNY WARREN

writes



BOOTS 'N' ALL

ERIC WORTHINGTON VERSUS FRANK AROK & RALE RASIC

AS the ASW's Editor can tell you, I have deliberately refrained from coming out and clearing the air on the ASF-Australian Institute of Sport affair over the position of the replacement coach in this paper or for that matter other publications with whom I am involved.

Perhaps it is the fact that we've just passed the second anniversary of the death of 'Uncle Joe' Vlasis, the co-founder of the original Coaches Federation, successful Soccerroo coach and highly motivated club coach who became one of the many victims of the 'system' that brings the subject up.

Or it may have been Eric Worthington's incredulous attack on Frank Arok and Rale Rasic on the recent Sports Sunday programme on Channel 9, which was televised nationally.

It also could have been what I believe to be Brian Emery's equally incredible report to the ASF on the whole AIS matter — copies of those ASF minutes which have been circulated around Australia, with mine coming to me courtesy of one of the State Directors of Coaching.

Or it may have been the campaign — small and pathetic though it may be — by one of the journalists in the national capital, to water down the whole affair.

Whatever the reason, that is all about to change and starting next week we'll give readers a few of the real facts about the whole ASF-AIS Federal Government affair.

For this week, though, we'll restrict ourselves to the Worthington televised comment on Arok and Rasic.

Personally I have received tons of mail on the matter.

These letters are not of the solicited variety which I understand Eric asked his people to send to the Sydney Morning Herald, but from dyed-in-the-wool Soccer people who have supported the game in this country for many years.

I reproduce, in part, two of those which represent the general feelings expressed by all letters.

One is from Emmanuel Said, the respected former State League coach and one of the game's true servants for longer than I care to remember.

The other is from Ante Zanetic, who resides in Unanderra on the NSW South Coast.

For the uninitiated Zanetic was one of the greatest players to ever



Brazil's great Pelé.

come to this country.

He played over 300 consecutive first team games for the famed Hajduk Split, 17 full internationals for Yugoslavia, was offered and knocked back, a \$100,000 offer from Barcelona in 1960 and was picked in 'the World Eleven' that same year.

That world team incidentally was: Grosics, Bergmark, Santamaria, Nilton Santos, Verges, Zanetic, Julinho, Pelé, Di Stefano, Puskas, Gentó.

In other words a Real World Star.

Emmanuel Said writes:

"As usual I read your Sun Herald column last Sunday (5/4/87) and I was intrigued with some of the comments made by you.

"Let me assure you, that most of the times I raise no

FORMER AUSTRALIAN CAPTAIN JOHN WARREN HITS OUT

doubts about anything you quote, as in the past. I have found for myself that you are unbiased and completely impartial if and when you may criticise, or comment.

"Let me get to the point, and perhaps analyse comments made by you on Mr Worthington.

"If he did publicly make these comments about Mr

from his ivory tower and become real. I'm very upset at these remarks.

"We have enough people (Media, TV) knocking Soccer, we don't need to follow the trend.

"Is there a way where we can get him to publicly apologise to the coaches concerned, about his irresponsibility."

Ante Zanetic comments:

"I write to you as I believe you are concerned about Australian football. After watching Sports Sunday on Channel 9 nothing really surprises me anymore about the game in this country.

"I have never heard such stupidities as those expressed by Worthington, a so called coach, about two practical coaches like Arok and Rasic.

"Can Worthington tell me how Terry Venables (an English coach in Spanish first division), the Brazilian coaches in Middle East and Arabic countries such as Morocco, and South American coaches in Europe have such enormous success without perfect knowledge of the language?"

"A public servant would not have the security of 15 years like Worthington and have no success at all.

"Australian football has to find its own style.

"English football is good under English conditions not for Australia, in fact, the South American influence is the way to go for the game here.

"Finally, what is wrong with Australian Soccer?"

"In my opinion the position is:

1. It has the worst football administration in the world.

2. It has the worst football grounds in the world.

3. And finally the present Football Federation should resign or be sacked.

Arok and Mr Rasic, then the proper Soccer authorities should carpet him and, if need be, dispense with his services.

"He is an unwanted burden.

"You are aware I have been connected with Soccer for over 25 years; and Soccer can ill afford to have responsible people discrediting the game.

"One is amazed how he can label these two greats of Soccer as unable to communicate.

"Comparisons are odious, but did Barcelona say Terry Venables can not do the job for us because he has no knowledge of Spanish. Does this person realise that the Soccer language is universal. Without being rude has he ever seen a local game.

"Are NSL and State League clubs aware of what Mr Worthington's job is? Has he ever communicated outside his clique, and see how the others survive?"

"It is about time that this Mr Worthington came down

ADAMSTOWN OFF TO GREAT NORTHERN NSW START

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

ADAMSTOWN Rosebud, Weston Bears, West Wallsend and Belmont-Swansea United remain unbeaten after the second series of games in the Tooheys Northern NSW State First Division Premiership last weekend.

Adamstown's 5-1 defeat of Highfields Azzurri on Saturday leaves it at the head of the points table with 10 goals against three from its two games.

Weston is in second place following its 4-2 win over Lake Macquarie City while West

Wallsend with a 4-1 away win against Central Coast is in fourth place on goal difference.

Belmont-Swansea and Austral United played a 1-all draw and Cardiff scored a 1-0 home win that left Wallsend at the bottom of the table with two defeats and without

a goal to its credit.

Results

Adamstown Rosebud 5 (Bock, Power, McQuarrie, Davies, Owens) Azzurri 1 (Godsell).

Weston 4 (Heap 3, Stirrat) Lake Macquarie 2 (Lawrence, Northey).

West Wallsend 4 (Ryan, Gillogly, Porter, Wilson) Central Coast 1 (White).

Belmont-Swansea 1 (Jones) Austral United 1 (Holden).

Cardiff 1 (Budden) Wallsend 0.

BEACH FASHIONS CUP WHIRLWIND SAINTS PRESS SYD. CROATIA TO UTMOST

BY KEITH GILMOUR

IT took up until three minutes into extra time before Sydney Croatia was able to crack eager beavers St George in their Beach Fashions Cup quarter final clash at the brilliantlit Croatian Sports Centre on Wednesday night.

The Saints, apart from the opening 30 minutes, until then had forced the league leaders to compete in their own breakneck style, but when Graham Arnold finally scored it was game, set and match.

Their central defender George Kulscar fouled Robbie Slater five metres outside the penalty box, and Arnold sweetly struck a flashing drive well to Mike Gibson's left.

From there on it was all downhill, with Sydney Croatia running out comfortable 3-0 winners.

Victory takes them into the semi-finals. South Melbourne is already there, to which will be added the winners of Heidelberg-Melbourne Croatia and Marconi-Sunshine George Cross.

Sydney Croatia's win was not without pain, and especially for Soccerroo star Graham Arnold, whose damaged ankle required an X-ray but was reported OK late in the week.

Zeljko Jurin and Ante Rumora have problems, and of course where Zarko Odzakovic ends up with his knee injury remains to be seen.

Wednesday's game opened in accordance with the script with Arnold, Mark Jones, Jurin and Ray Vlietstra all going close before the Saints' Graeme Fletcher replied in kind with a near miss in the 32nd minute.

It seemed that Robbie Slater didn't have his scoring boots on as he

toiled away to score against his former club.

But on the night Alex Lambropoulos was everywhere as the Saints gave it everything — and all at 100 miles per hour.

But when Arnold's free kick broke the camel's back it was a sign for Mark Jones to angle in a drive from an unselfish Slater pass.

Finally it was Slater scoring from a Manis Lamond precision pass, keeping up an amazing sequence of scoring in seven league and cup games in a row.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Savor, Jennings (Lamond 51), Vlietstra, Rozic, Slater, Arnold, Jones, Rumora (Rezo 56), Clinch, Jurin.

ST GEORGE: Gibson, Green, Moffitt (Slaveski 85m), Lambropoulos, Kulscar, M. O'Shea, Pottler (Ricoy 85), Caletta, Ollerenshaw, Fletcher, Hagan.

Referee: Mr K. Small. Crowd: 2132.

COALSTARS LANGUISH — KITCHING'S STRIFE

LUCK seems to have totally deserted last year's glamor Queensland XXXX League side, Coalstars.

The Bundamba team, which won three of the four major trophies last season, is anchored in the bottom half of the table. And last week the side was dealt yet another staggering injury blow.

Makeshift keeper Murray Kitching injured his knee in a 3-1 loss to Mount Gravatt and has been advised to give the game away. Kitching first injured the knee three years ago and has had an operation since, but the latest injury has only further aggravated the problem.

"Murray will do weights on it for a month and then will make a decision. But things don't look promising," coach Brian Styles said.

Coalstars already have lost captain and sweeper Mark McNaughton for the season after he had a knee operation and various other players have been hit by injuries or form losses.

"We took the accolades last year and we have to plug on now despite things not going so well," Styles said.

Further compounding Coalstars' woes is that the club organised for a Scottish defender to come to Australia but his club, which has not been announced, hit form in

the latter part of the season and were a slight promotion chance. The club therefore refused to release the player to come to Australia before the end of the Scottish season.

Coalstars also tried to buy Scotsman Billy Williamson, who is having an outstanding season at North Star being switched to sweeper. But the Northside club slapped a big not for sale sign on the star.

"It's a matter of keeping our heads up, the league is tightly packed and I am sure that if we can string three of four wins together then we can get back up there with the rest of them," Styles said.

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THOMSON FEARS APIA ARMOURY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

APIA, hotly snapping at the heels of League leaders Sydney Croatia, face a rejuvenated Sydney Olympic at Lambert Park on Sunday.

And it's a match Olympic coach Eddie Thomson does not relish.

After six rounds, Apia is still undefeated, having wiped out Melbourne Croatia last Sunday to collect yet another two precious League points.

Thomson told ASW last night: "I'll be more than happy with a draw on Sunday as it will be a real test for us."

"Apia has bought extremely well, snatching Rod Brown, Charlie

Yankos, Burim Zajmi, Jean-Paul de Marigny and Gary Ward.

"Yep, I'll be delighted with a point."

Apia boss Rale Rasic is elated to date with his team's performance.

"But this will be the match of the season on Sunday," said Rasic.

"Big Eddie has brought great life back to Sydney Olympic and that club is the only one that can bring 5,000, 10,000 or

even 15,000 extra people back to Soccer."

But Rasic has striker Hilton Phillips in doubt for the clash with a recurrence of a knee injury.

Apia will have former Sydney Olympic's Peter Katholos on standby. Katholos played last Sunday against Melbourne Croatia.

Rasic was full of praise for his red-haired striker, Rod Brown.

Brown, running red-hot this season, has nailed Sydney Croatia's top League scorer Robbie Slater by again scoring last Sunday to lift his tally to seven goals in six matches.

Brown may have been cracking the goals, but Olympic's great danger-men will be Zajmi and skipper Arno Bertogna.

Zajmi, a powerful attacking midfielder, has brought much bite and sting to Apia's attack.

Bertogna is playing better than ever now that Socceroo Yankos has

joined him in the heart of Apia's defence.

The best duel on Sunday will be Olympic's John Kosmina tangling with Bertogna whilst Brown attempts to bust Olympic's steel-tough centre-back David Ratcliffe.

"Lambert Park's gates will be closed an hour before kick-off", Rasic predicts.



DAVID RATCLIFFE during his days at St George.

SAINTS MUST ATTACK

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

"WE MUST ATTACK," St George's manager, Frank Arok told Australian Soccer Weekly last night referring to next Friday night's clash with powerful South Melbourne Hellas at the St George Stadium.

The big match kicks off at 7.30pm and the Youth League at 5.30pm.

"It is crucial for us to grab a point or two in this match otherwise we are going to struggle for the rest of the season," Arok added.

Despite Saints 2-0 away loss to Preston last Sunday, Arok was pleased by the way his

men toiled.

"The first goal was an accident and the second a penalty," he said.

Saints' star-striker Scott Ollernshaw is in doubt for the match, suffering a bad knock on the knee last Sunday, and midfielder Pedro Ricoy couldn't finish the first half.

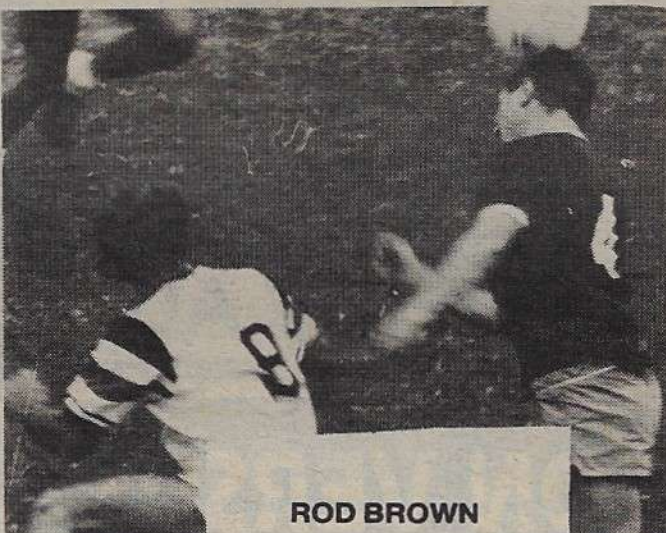
The good news for St George is that club-cap-

tain Andy Koczka played very well last Sunday in the Youth team, making his comeback from injury.

But St George will have to contend with the experience South Melbourne has in its ranks.

"Players like Bobby Russell, Steve Blair, Gary McDowell, Richard Miranda, Paul Wade and Charlie Egan are all solid, experienced campaigners and will make it tough for us," he said.

Saints after six rounds, have just three League points from a draw against Sydney Olympic and a win against Sunshine George-Cross.



ROD BROWN

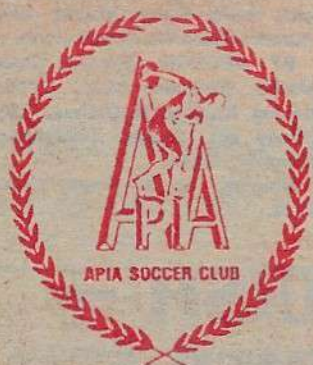


APIA captain ARNO BERTOGBA in action during a recent clash with Footscray.

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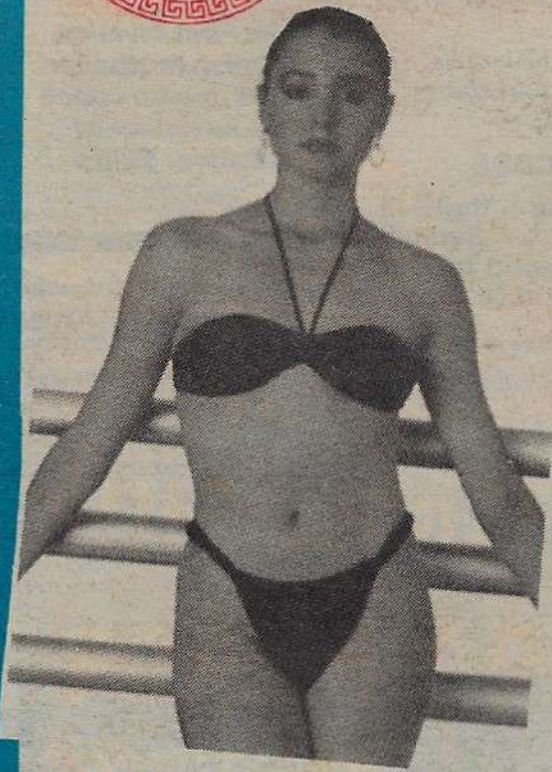
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THOMSON'S CHALLENGE AT OLYMPIC

EDDIE Thomson and Sydney Olympic!

For several years it had seemed inevitable that Eddie and Olympic would one day get together.

Now that the long delayed marriage has at least taken place, what can we expect.

Not that much difference from what we used to get from Sydney City, except there will be five thousand or more fans adding their passion to that of Eddie and his team.

The style of playing will be the same: forceful direct, physically tough, competitive.

This is the style that Eddie knows.

He played it himself in Scotland.

Most coaches will coach a playing style which they understand and are used to.

Frank Arok is an exception to that rule.

Scot the Scottish way (very close to that of England).

Les Scheinflug, among our top coaches, coaches a style closest to what we might call the "Australian way."

Born in Germany, Les played most of his Soccer here and has coached here for 16 years.

This "Australian style" if we can call it that, falls somewhere between that used by Sydney City and that of Adelaide City.

Les currently is using this method with a team of outstanding young Australian talent, at Blacktown City in the NSW State league.

His greatest challenge, I believe will be Wollongong City, coached by Englishman, John Fleming, who has a team of Aussies playing like a team of Englishmen. And very effectively.

Building

So, if Eddie Thomson is going to build another Sydney City at Olympic will he get the same results?

There is every chance he will.

Eddie Thomson knows the game of Soccer.

Especially he knows who can play it well and who can't.

He has proven this over the years as he has consistently made sound signings to strengthen his team: John Kosmina, David Mitchell, Alex Robertson.

But he also grooms star youngsters: Frank Farina, Jim Patikas, John-Paul De Marigny, Gerry Gomez, Robert Hooker and Abbas Saad.

His teams are always

fit, always competitive, always tactically aware and usually with a blend of skill suitable to the playing style he prefers.

Eddie will not lose this coaching ability, he will get better with experience.

His "laid back" disciplinary style was also successful at City, this might be tested at Olympic.

Nevertheless he appears to get on well with players and certainly he has been able to communicate well enough with them.

He has very good talent at Olympic to play his style of game successfully.

There is an excellent back four and goalkeeper in Meier, Hooker, Ratcliffe, Dakos and Hantzis, with back up defenders, Haniotis and Dragicevic also very sound.

The midfield, at this time, cannot afford to



Sydney Olympic's talented Chris Kalantzis.

have a fit Peter Raskopoulos out of it.

Up front, Kosmina

needs to sharpen up perhaps by slimming down.

All the skills and experience for playing up front are still there in Kosmina, but sharpness is a big asset in a front man.

I hope Eddie is able to bring the very best out of Chris Kalantzis.

Third striker, Terry Patalis is fast, strong, skilful at times, but impetuous and unknowing of where and what to do at other times.

He like Kalantzis, is full of power and energy.

Success

They say that a successful Sydney Olympic is good for our Soccer. I am sure it is.

Their followers have a passion for the game that is needed.

Yes, there is always the danger that this passion can spill over into violence as it did two years ago at Pratten Park.

Yet that, as I can remember, was the first



BY MIKE JOHNSON

Ex First Division English footballer. Well known coach and author of Soccer Skills.

major incident for many years involving Olympic supporters.

I remember in the 60's when I came here, crowd invasions were relatively common among several ethnic groups.

The Pratten Park affair is the only major riot that I can remember for many years.

I have sat among Greek supporters at St George Stadium several times this year.

It was pleasing to hear their appreciation for skilful Soccer.

If players and teams can play this game they will receive warm appreciation from Greek spectators, especially Olympic spectators.

However, if the can not, they and their coach can expect a roasting.

Eddie Thomson has said that he needed a new challenge.

Well, now he has:

- To make Sydney Olympic the great club it has always promised to be.
- To carry on from where Manfred Schaefer left off.

Manfred gave the hungry Olympic following some juicy titbits to feed off.

Can Eddie give them the banquet they have wanted for so long?

Can he make them the undisputed best in the land.

That is the challenge.



DAVID MITCHELL

This is probably because he never played top class Soccer and never became totally committed to a particular way of playing the game.

However, generally a Vieri will use the Italian way, a Matic, the Yugoslavian way, a Hennessey the English way, a



AT LEFT: Frank Farina (right) in action during his playing days with Sydney City. In this photo he has a rather strong stranglehold on his Soccerroo team-mate Graham Jennings. AT RIGHT: Another former Sydney City player and Soccerroo John Kosmina, now with Sydney Olympic, in action against Italy and Juventus star Scirea



HELLAS MARCH ON TOWARDS LEAGUE

BY TOM MCKAIN

ADELAIDE Hellas marched on to a possible place in the West End National League playoff with a 5-1 win over Lions last Sunday to take over the lead in the SA Rothmans State League from Salisbury.

Salisbury were held to a 0-0 draw by lowly Apac and are now on 12 points, the same as Hellas with the latter leading by one goal.

Beograd are third with 11 points.

However, Hellas has problems with captain and key defender Nick Mousoulous limping with his left ankle in plaster and Chris Manou still

looking for a transfer and hoping to play in Melbourne.

Salisbury, Hellas and Beograd look the front runners for the title although last year's champions Campbelltown did manage a 2-1 win over Para Hills to move into seventh place with seven rounds completed.

Birkalla is still holding up the bottom of the table following a 0-0 draw with Cumberland who are third bottom.

The latter is becoming the Soccer pools punters' pal as it has now racked up four draws and no victories.

Croatia may have started a run with the 1-0 win over Azzurri who are fast becoming one of the season's also rans.

Polonia is again proving unpredictable with Beograd easily disposing of them 2-0.

Apart from the form of Soccerroo youth captain Lou Hristodoulou, who not only scored two goals against Lion but dominated the midfield with veteran Graham Honeyman, Adelaide Hellas have not yet hit their straps.

Both will be vital players if Hellas make it back to the National scene.

Sunday's result has set up this weekend's game between Salisbury and Hellas at the former's ground as a classic.

WOLLONGONG City striker Randell Easthorpe was left out of the starting line-up for the game against Warringah at Graham Reserve.

Coach John Fleming had selected Easthorpe but he was left out when he was late arriving at the ground.

Seems he went to Narrabeen Fitness Camp thinking the game was to be played there and had to make a mad dash back to Graham Reserve.

As things turned out, he went on as a replacement for Rade Stefanovski and with his first touch passed the ball to Robert Giraldi who scored a goal.

Fleming has made it very clear to his players they will have to make sure just where they are playing in future.

WHAT PRICE SUCCESS???

I SAW two interesting NSL games last weekend and also the youth games prior to them. The contrast in personnel of both games throws up plenty of comments for debate in the age old question of buying or developing players.

The first game between St George and Sunshine George Cross had two teams who have concentrated more on bring players through from their youth squads.

Whilst the second game involving APIA-Leichhardt and Marconi brought together two teams who have bought almost their entire playing squads.

Success is the key to all competitive sport and its interesting to note that the clubs who've bought players are at the moment having more success on the playing field in terms of results and on the terraces in terms of crowds.

Spectators demand success and are always keen to get the best players available.

But many times they complain also that clubs are not developing their own players and bringing them through the club.



BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
OF COACHING

They say success breeds success and so it's probable that more money will come into the club the more successful they are.

Clubs are feeling the pinch though, and in the long term it makes sense for clubs to concentrate on developing their own players as well as buying some of the best as well.

It's been said many times recently that we have some of the best young players in the world.

Therefore there is a case for clubs through their management to make sure they have the best development coaches working with their young players.

This will give them the skills and approach this game necessary for transition from youth to senior Soccer.

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IPSWICH CAGED LIONS

IPSWICH United breathed new life in the Queensland XXXX League competition when they inflicted the first defeat of the season on Lions at Richlands a week ago.

The Matt Carson-trained side outplayed the former national leaguers in every department and thoroughly deserved their victory. In contrast, Lions were dull, lethargic and lacking in ideas or commitment.

From the fourth minute the writing was on the wall for the home side when Peter Vogler nearly scored for Ipswich with a big run down the right which left the slow-looking Alan Niven floundering in his wake.

Vogler's shot in the end went fractionally wide. Ipswich United drew first blood eight minutes later when Stephen Bradford used unexpected speed to pierce the Lions defence and slip a neat ball to his left for Richie Barnard to slide home.

It took Lions just four minutes to get back on equal terms. A Jim Morton corner was not properly cleared and after a Brett Druery shot was smothered, David Hunter bounded in to shoot the ball home.

But, Ipswich continued to push forward with Bradford continually beating Keith Marsh and Vogler racing onto his passes with the speed of a jaguar.

In the 36th minute, Vogler made a heavy run to tangle the Lions defence, then calmly squared to Barnard who put away his second.

In the second half it was all Ipswich as Vogler and Barnard, backed by a hard-working Ipswich midfield and rocklike defence, left their marks on the game.

Vogler scored himself with a 72nd minute effort which first rattled the upright but he tore the net when he hit the rebound. And he got his second in injury time when he beat the offside trap.

It just wasn't Lions' day and even their goal came from a deflection when a John Ogden shot was blocked.

Afterwards, Ipswich United coach Matt Carson lapped up the success, but admitted there was still a long way to go in the season.

"I always said once we started scoring goals, things would go right for us.

The Lions dressing room, as expected, was like a morgue. And coach Col Bennett refused to take blame for the defeat.

HOLLAND PREFERRED BY DALGLEISH AND STOWELL

THE Australian under 16 team could prepare for the world titles in Canada in the same Dutch sports school used by the Young Socceroos on their way to the Soviet Union in 1985.

Team coaches, Vic Dalgleish and Bruce Stowell, have put a proposal to the Australian Soccer Federation which includes an eight-day camp at the Sittard Complex in the south of Holland. While it will mean going to Canada "the long way around", Stowell believes the advantages far outweigh the extra travelling.

The facilities at Sittard are superb and the calibre of opposition available for training matches is likely to be far superior to anything which could have been found in Hawaii, the United States or Mexico — which were the alternatives.

"The Australian Youth team used Sittard in 1985 and gave it a glowing report. The accommodation there is excellent, the food and water similar to what we are used to and the training facilities are ideal," Stowell said.

"What makes it even more perfect is that according to our research, the climate in the south of Holland at that time of the year is very similar to that in Montreaux where we will play our first round matches."

Under the proposal now being considered by the ASF, Dalgleish and Stowell will bring their 18-man squad into Parklea in Sydney for three

America," Stowell said.

Australia has a tough first round assignment, having been drawn in a group containing Brazil, Saudi Arabia and an as yet undecided European opponent.

But after the recent week-long final training camp at Parklea, Stowell remains confident the Kodak Kids have the ability to at least match the quarter-final efforts of the 1985 Under 16's.

"Defensively, I think we are better than the team which went to China. But we are probably lacking a midfield general type player to hold everything together. But I think we can get around it by looking at a few positional changes," Stowell said.

"Mexican teams might be able to offer us more of a game like that we expect when we play the Brazilians, but as was highlighted in the 1986 World Cup and the 1983 World Youth championships, there are always health risks in playing in Mexico.

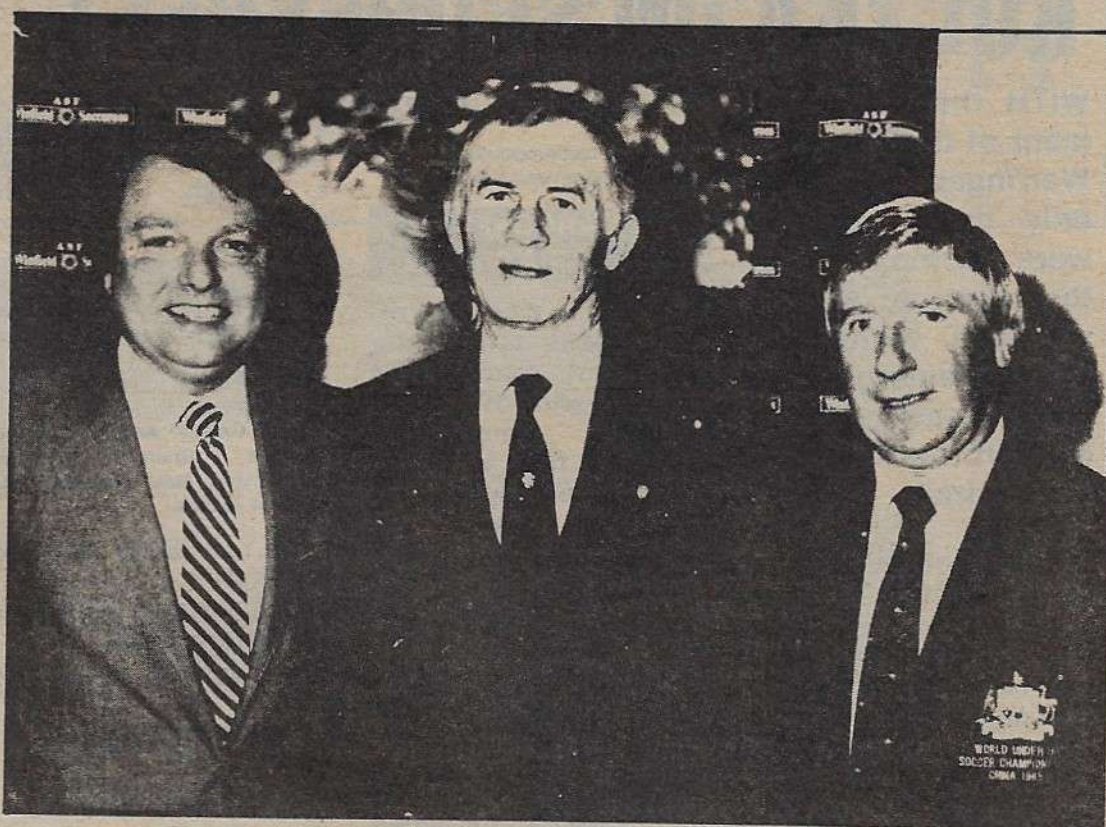
"Our whole preparation could be wiped out by venturing into that part of the world. By comparison, Holland offers familiar conditions and it is only a relatively short flight then across the Atlantic."

Four other shadow players were named: George Karkaletsis (Vict.), Guy Rigby (Old), Brad Evans (Nth NSW) and Shaun Murphy (WA).

Five new players came into the squad proper from that which won the Oceania qualifying group in Taiwan last year. They were Triantafyllou, Dickinson, Pisano, Bingley and Richardson.

Stowell said the changes were necessary to bolster the team's attack.

The tournament starts on July 2 with the final, in Toronto on July 25.



Under 16's coach VIC DALGLEISH pictured with both other Australian supremo's Frank Arok (centre) and Les Scheinflug (left).

BRISBANE WINS DESPITE LOSS

BRISBANE regained the annual intercity championship when it defeated Ipswich 3-2 in a thrilling advertisement for the game at Ebbw Vale last week.

The Mal Bland-coached Brisbane team came from a goal down to finish much stronger than the highly-motivated Ipswich side, coached by former Australian international Gary Wilkins.

Kevin Caldwell beating a worrying back injury. And the home side, backed by a huge partisan crowd, showed from the outset that they intended to fight the whole way.



FRANK LIDDELL

The opening period was characterised by some bruising tackling and some big-hearted running.

With Brisbane star midfielder Martin Kirsopp suffering from flu, an upset looked on the cards. That opinion was strengthened when, in the 24th minute, Ipswich striker Dave Wheeler got away from Brisbane captain Frank Liddell on a corner and managed to control and slam his shot home before the big Lions defender realised his mistake.

Former Brisbane City keeper Kim Wishart was in fine form early for the Ipswich side and denied Kirsopp twice with brilliant reflex saves. But Brisbane midfielder

Richard Bassingthwaite put his team on level terms in the 35th minute with a 25m shot which beat Wishart on its pace alone. The ball rocketed into the corner of the goal before the big keeper could even react.

Brisbane hit the lead seven minutes later when Lions striker Brett Druery raced on a fine through ball to slot his attempt past Wishart, who was slow off his line.

Druery could have added another just 40 seconds

OF THREE MEN

later but blasted over the top when confronted with an open goal.

It took Ipswich only 12 minutes into the second half to level. And it was the unfamiliar pairing of Liddell and Frank Mengotti in the middle of the defence that may have contributed towards the goal. The pair attempted to play wheeler offside but the flag stayed down and the Coalstars striker raced away to expertly finish and make the scores 2-2.

But Brisbane hit back the best way possible four minutes later when Druery was there again to hit in a Niven cross as Wishart was caught out of position and waving his arm in the air.

Brisbane had two further attempts to score, one falling to Druery and the other to the out-of-form Kieran Cooper. Cooper must have started to wonder when his luck would change as he did everything right to beat the defence and chip Wishart, but as his effort was bouncing towards the unattended net, Caldwell raced in and cleared with a spectacular overhead kick.

MARLEY AND POLLOCK DOT IT STYLISHLY

TWO veteran strikers have been showing their younger counterparts how it is done in recent Queensland XXXX League game.

North Star's Alan Marley and Mount Gravatt's Len Pollock, who have more than 60 years between them, have both scored with spectacular overhead kicks.

Marley, the former New Zealand international, netted his in a 1-0 win over Taringa. He chased a ball which had been given up for a corner and despite an acute angle, he hooked his shot back over his head and saw it

Afterwards, both coaches, and many of the highly pleased fans, called for the intercity series to be extended to a best of three.



RICHARD BASSINGTHWAITE

"The huge turnout by the Ipswich people showed that this is the type of football they want. And the players responded as well. I definitely think the time is right to make it a best of three," Wilkins said.

Wilkins named Wheeler and veteran sweeper Jeff Dann as his joint men of the match while Bland nominated Bassingthwaite as his side's most outstanding.

ricochet into the goal from the far upright.

Pollock netted his as Mount Gravatt downed Coalstars 3-1 at Dittmer Park two weeks ago. The former Grange Thistle and North Brisbane striker powered his overhead attempt into the goal after the Coalstars defence failed to properly clear a corner.

Both players rated the goals as among the "most enjoyable" of their careers.

The pair seem to be among the ageless campaigners of Queensland Soccer and are improving with age.

They are among the league's leading scorers and rated valuable members of their teams.



ALAN NIVEN

days prior to leaving Australia.

"Everyone's fitness will be thoroughly assessed at that camp and then we will establish exactly what needs to be done in Sittard. Depending on the fitness levels we may play up to three games in Holland," Stowell said.

Best Choice

Stowell said training prior to Canada in South California was the other alternative, but he believed such an exercise could prove counter-productive.

"Let's not forget that the United States also has qualified and we may find some not too willing to help us. But that aside, the quality of opposition we should be able to organise in Holland will far outstrip any team we possibly could play in

The squad chosen after the final camp was: John Russell, Craig McGregor, Dean McWhirter (Nth NSW); Steve Dimoudis, Stephane Jee, Louis Triantafyllou, Steve Georgakis, Paul Rago, Greg Dickinson, Anthony Pisano, Matthew Bingley (NSW); Sam Richardson (Vict.); Steve Horvat, Greg Mills (AIS); Darren Freiberg (Qld), John Christopolous (Sth Aust); Dominic Longo (Tasmania).

Goalkeepers Steve Mautone (Vict.) and Mark Bosnich (NSW) were bracketed for the 18th position pending an investigation into reports that Mautone was trialling in Como, Italy and clarification of his intentions. Longo was named as captain.

Stewart cut his heel to the bone during an Easter fishing trip, while Morton and Austin had leg injuries. North Star's Mick Mulvey, Taringa's Calvin Daunt and Azzurri's Jon Burgess were named as replacements.

The Ipswich team started the match as selected with captain

ADELAIDE HELLAS MUST DECIDE

—TERRY HOBIN



Australian Capital Territory



TOM SERMANNI LOOKS THE PART

BY GRAHAM COOKE

IN the new look Canberra Griffins one of the success stories belongs to an old hand — Tom Sermanni.

The midfielder is playing some of his best Soccer since coming to Canberra three seasons ago and is a key component in the Griffins' campaign to win promotion back to the NSL.

When Canberra lost its top league place last season it would have been easy — some might have said appropriate — for Sermanni, at 32, to follow fellow Scot Ian Gibson into retirement, or to seek a less demanding

schedule with an ACT first division club.

Instead he reported for the rigorous training regime of new player-coach Augusto Palacios and flourished under it.

He is at least a metre faster than a year ago and his experience and ability to read the game help all those who play around him.

A cynical chop when he was clear of the defence prevented him from scoring his first

NSW league goal, against Sutherland recently.

Sermanni makes it quite clear that he is enjoying the Palacios style. "For the last two seasons we have been playing it very tight in defence and there was not a great deal of scope for an attacking midfielder," he said after the 1-1 draw with Kur-ring-gai.

"This year we are more open. There is more scope to attack and that suits me."

TAGLIERA A PROSPECT

BY GRAHAM COOKE

THERE are few Soccer coaches who can find positive aspects from a 5-0 loss, but Inter Monaro boss Vic Fernandez is one of them.

"I believe I have discovered a promising young striker in Dino Taglieri," he said after his team had received its third consecutive NSW State Bank League beating, against Canterbury at Arlington Oval.

"Because of our injury situation I was forced to play him for the full game at the front with Robert Chicco and he stood up to the pressure really well."

Whether or not Taglieri is a star for the future, it is not he would can cure Monaro's problems which lie so obviously in defence.

In those three losses it has now conceded 13 goals — a record which can only lead it to relegation for the second consecutive season.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL PLUMPS FOR SOCCER

RADFORD College, Canberra's newest Anglican grammar school, has quickly plunged into the ACT junior Soccer scene with seven teams playing in competitions from under 13 to under 16.

Teachers Steve Darby, who runs the Soccer program at Radford, says it is planned with the following broad aims:

*Improving the technical ability of the player.

*Developing an awareness of Soccer tactics.

*Increasing self discipline and role responsibility in a team.

*Improving the opportunities for leisure activities in life after school.

*Learning to play games purely for their intrinsic reward.

Tommy Sermanni has been a great success story with Canberra Griffins.



A clear indication that Tom Sermanni and Canberra Griffins could be in partnership for some time to come.

Meanwhile former Inter Monaro forward Frank D'Addario was a spectator at his old club's home game with Blacktown City.

Now playing for NSL side St George, D'Addario was in the first team until an operation on the cartilage in his left knee

put him out of the game for seven weeks.

"I'm enjoying myself there," he said. "We are a very young side. Michael O'Shea would have been the oldest player until we bought Steve O'Connor, and no-one's considered better than anyone else."

"My aim now is to get fit and back to playing a part in pushing St George up the NSL ladder."

ACT LEAGUE RESULTS

Division 1: Narrabundah 5 Concordia-Canberra 4, Croatia Deakin 2 Belconnen United 1, Juventus 7 Tuggeranong United 0, Canberra City Olympians 4 CCAE 2.

Division 2: Canberra City 1 Condors 0, International 1 ANU 4, ADFA 1 Queanbeyan City 3.

Division 3: Wanderers 2 RMC 1, ANU 1 CCAE 1, Dickson Old Boys 3 Cooma 3.

Division 4: Belconnen United 1 Tuggeranong United 1, ADFA 1 Belconnen 1.

Division 5: Wanderers 0 RMC 4, ANU 0 CCAE 2, Dickson Old Boys 5 Cooma 6.

Division 6: ADFA 4 Condors 3, RMC 1 Canberra City 3, Italia-Australia 7 ANU 1, North

Canberra Jets 1 Latin America 1.

Reserves division 1: Narrabundah 0 Concordia-Canberra 0, Croatia Deakin 1 Belconnen United 3, Juventus 3 Tuggeranong United 2, Canberra City Olympians 1 CCAE 4.

Reserves division 2: ADFA 5 Queanbeyan City 0, Condors 2 Canberra City 4, International 0 ANU 5.

Youth division 1: Narrabundah 5 Concordia-Canberra 0, Croatia Deakin 1 Belconnen United 2, Juventus 4 Tuggeranong United 1, Canberra City Olympians 1 CCAE 7.

Youth division 2: Marist 0 Belconnen United 2, Juventus 5 Tuggeranong United 1, ADFA A 12 ADFA B 0.

CROATIA'S BIG START

CROATIA Deakin's mixture of new signings and old faces proved a lethal concoction for Belconnen United as the ACT Soccer league got underway.

The league champion beat United 2-1 to take an early advantage over the team many believe will be its closest challenger for the first division Title in 1987.

Croatia's long-serving captain, Stan Dukic, opened the scoring after six minutes, taking advantage of confusion in the United penalty area following a defender's miss-kick.

Belconnen's superb young goalkeeper, Richard Tomaszewski, came to the rescue of his side a quarter of an hour later when he was out smartly to save at the feet of winger Victor Trajanoski.

But he could do nothing to prevent Trajanoski from scoring just before half-time when the summer signing from Inter Monaro picked up a Dukic throw to crack the ball home.

It seemed like Croatia would run away with the

GRAHAM COOKE covers the National Capital.



VIC TRAJANOSKI

game in the early part of the second half when Dukic, Jim Harkins and Emile Maricic all went close, but it was United who got one back through Colin Johnstone.

After that setback United struggled hard for the equaliser and time ran out with it still pressing.

In other first division games, Pepe Lopera scored four goals for Narrabundah but still finished on the losing side as his team went down 5-4 to Narrabundah, Canberra City Olympians, despite being riddled with injuries, beat CCAE 4-2, while Juventus swamped Tuggeranong United 7-0.



Brilliant Sydney Croatia and Soccerroo goalkeeper Tony Franken.

GOALKEEPING DERBY

MOST goalkeepers will have suffered the training extremes of either standing freezing in a practice match or being used as target practice in an unrealistic shooting exercise, ACT Academy of Soccer coach Steve Darby says.

the numbers of goalkeepers attending on the increase every week.

"I started something similar to these sessions when I was director of coaching in Hobart," he said. "I invited the senior goalkeepers along to help the juniors and at some sessions we had more than 40 keepers attending."

"It also evolved that the senior keepers enjoyed it so much they started to work together as well."

"I would like to see this happen here. We are very lucky to have role models in Anthony Franken, David Mower and Peter Gunning training on the next pitch with the Australian Institute of Sport and it's good for the kids to see that not only do we do the same work as them, but that they are not ashamed to grind away with the basic techniques."

"All goalkeepers, of any age or ability, are welcome — the only requirement being the ability to work hard, enjoy goalkeeping and, perhaps, be a little crazy."

ACT SOCIAL LEAGUE

ANU 0 Endeavour 5, Mawson 3 Waterland 10, Slovenia 11 RMC 4, Le Pogs 1 Hot Type 3, Majura 8 Panama 4.

To try and help the ACT's young goalkeepers the academy has introduced a weekly session specially for them, where they are both trained in relevant exercises and coaching in technique.

In addition, they are shown sample programs where they can work in pairs, thus enabling them to make more fruitful use of their time back at club training sessions.

The sessions are divided into four major areas:

*Increasing flexibility.
*Boosting body strength with such things as gymnastics, and anaerobic exercises.

*Ball handling drills.
*Education, such as how to line up a wall or take a goal kick.

Darby says that the response to the sessions has been tremendous with

"Sadly for the charity, the coffers are bare at the moment."

"The school believes these methods help to encourage self-discipline, personal pride and responsibility — values which we feel essential to the total development of the player."

"The players also seem to enjoy being treated in this manner, with the seniors being part of the decision-making process."

"Success at Radford is geared towards two aims — the enjoyment of the players and the long term participation in Soccer. Winning premierships is considered a pleasant, but non-essential by-product of these aims."

"The proliferation of individual awards is not encouraged in term sports at Radford," Darby said. "And individual teams have their own rules over and above those of the competition they play in."

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THE CAMPBELL IS COMING

BY ALAN CLARK

SOUTH Australia's FIFA referee, Donald Campbell has a further goal for excellence this season. He would love to go to next year's Seoul Olympics as Australia's representative.

"That would be a wonderful climax to my career," he said. "The World Cup finals in Italy in 1990 would be a bonus."

"But, if they don't come along that's too bad. I'll just keep doing the job to the best of my ability."

Campbell is among Australia's most respected whistlers, having won the Referee of the Year Award nationally for the past two seasons.

He's a scrupulously fair ref who tempers his strictness with commonsense and a liberal sprinkling of Glasgow "patter" that goes a long way towards putting him on the same wave-length as players.

Campbell, 47, learned his Soccer in the hard school of streets and closes in the working-class Glasgow suburb of Partick.

His education was complemented by visits to Ibrox Park to see Glasgow Rangers in action.

He had a promising playing career as a teenager, first with Paisley Benburb in juveniles, then juniors, Benburb.

Campbell was a St. Johnstone provisional signing as a 15½ year-old and played two games for the club before twice breaking his leg within 15 months.

That cut short his promise and he started playing with the Co-op in the Glasgow Welfare League.

Campbell was introduced to refereeing in 1960 and controlled juvenile, Welfare League and junior matches — all as a Class 3 referee.

The next step was on the Scottish Football Association list but he left for Australia. He arrived to a new Soccer life in March, 23 years ago.

Campbell played one season with Polonia but ankle and knee worries cut short his career with them.

He had one main highlight, though — scoring both goals in his club's 2-6 Federation Cup final replay defeat by Hellas at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Companions

Friend Dennis Grant, who now coaches SA State League side Cumberland, urged Campbell to take up refereeing again.

"He told me there were many Scotsmen among the referees and I was keen for their companionship and decided to give it a go," said Campbell.

He was a Class 3 ref in 1964; Class 2 in '65 and Class 1 by '67.

"I refereed my first State Division One match as a Class 2 ref when I took over from being senior linesman when a referee turned up late for a match," said Campbell.

"I remember it was between Port Adelaide and Budapest I became a Class 1 soon after that and my first match in that category was Birkalla v Cumberland in March, 1968."

Service

Campbell is one of the world's longest serving FIFA referees, having joined that list in 1970.

He won his FIFA badge after his second international. In that game he sent off a player from twice World Cup champion Uruguay in its 2-0 defeat by Australia.

"The player felled Socceroo Ray Baartz with a karate chop, so it was not a hard decision to make," recalled Campbell.

The player being Luis Garisto.

Since then he has handled 17 full internationals and more than 50 international club and touring matches.

He has been in charge of games in New Zealand, Kuwait, Singapore, Thailand, Fiji, and New Guinea, as well as Australia.

Highlights were the World Youth Cup in Australia in 1981 and the qualifying rounds of the same competition four years later.

Invasion

Campbell's worst moment in refereeing, though, came much closer to home in 1969.

"It was a Second Division State League decider between Elizabeth and Beograd," said Campbell.

"Fans invaded the pitch when Elizabeth won 1-0 with a three times taken penalty kick."

"Elizabeth was promoted and Beograd stayed in the Second Division."

Todd Clarke, later a Socceroo goalkeeper, was the Beograd man trying to save the penalty that day.

There have been many amusing incidents and one involved England's three-goal World Cup final hero, Geoff Hurst.

He toured SA with Stoke City and Campbell took charge of the match.

The SA whistler twice had to award SA a penalty.

On the second occasion, Campbell heard some one say, "if he scores here, I'll (unprintable) smash your face in."

The ref wheeled round and quickly realised Hurst must have been the man responsible. With thoughts of the potential headlines whirling in his head, he asked "Would you care to repeat that?" — envisaging a response leading to Hurst's dismissal.

"Yes, came the reply. I was just saying, if he scores here it will be two well-taken goals."

End of the drama and smiles all round.

Eric Norman, a bustling Scottish striker that delighted Adelaide Juventus fans in the 70s, provided



another moment of mad humour.

Playing in a clash with old rival Hellas, he bumped heads with defender Ted De Lyster.

De Lyster looked dazed and dismayed but recovered to tell Campbell he had lost a contact lens in the collision.

The referee asked where it had been lost and was amused, when told, to see Norman pound the area in question with a gleeful look on his face.

Campbell knows there would be extra pressure in handling a World Cup or Olympic Games match.

But he would like to meet the challenge. He believes Victorian colleague Chris Bambridge put on a good showing in the last World Cup finals in Mexico despite the controversy surrounding his handling of the Brazil — Spain match.

"I believe he did a good job, there," said Campbell of Bambridge. "I don't know how I would have handled the situation, or what instructions the referees were working under in regard to linesmen etc."

The SA man, though, is sure Australian referees can hold their heads high in any company. They are as good as any.

"In some ways, games here are harder to control as they are very physical," he said.

"The multi-ethnic Soccer scene provides its own problems, too."

"But I think our refs can compare with the best."

Imports

Campbell would like to see more Brazilian, Yugoslav and Italian coaches brought to Australia to import the entertaining Soccer skills of those countries here.

"Australia is not all that far behind the rest of the

world, just now," he said.

"But I believe we need to improve our training grounds and lights."

Campbell puts much back into the game he loves. He is a keen prompter and helper to budding young referees and also is the unofficial coach of kids at club, zone and district level.

Oxford's Tommy Caton, \$1m Tony Dorigo of Aston Villa and such West End League stars as Stevie Maxwell, Sergio Melta and Charlie Villani are former 'Campbell boys'.

Campbell started his coaching with Forbes Primary and Vermont High Schools in SA.

He actually made the first set of goalposts for them!

Junior Help

His wife Jean, whom he describes as his "motivator", has been a dedicated supporter of his career. She regularly ran fund-raisers to back his involvement in boys' Soccer by providing nets, strips and equipment.

Campbell has no doubts who was the best player he has seen in Australia — former Adelaide Juventus and Socceroo midfielder star John Perin.

He now is the Soccer co-ordinator of Adelaide City. Many other names come under the category of very good players.

Campbell himself made such an impact on 'rebel' US League officials in 1980, he was offered \$10,000 for a three month stint refereeing in America.

He was to receive \$500 a game, too, but turned down the move as he believed it might jeopardise his standing with FIFA.

He's a dedicated referee who has done Australia proud. He might do so again next year in Seoul!

LAUMETS BIG DAY

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

SOUTH MELBOURNE goalkeeper Peter Laumets has been admitted to Soccer's Hall of Fame.

The talented keeper celebrated his 200th NSL game with the club last Sunday and was duly honoured for his services prior to the big clash with Brunswick Juventus.

Laumets belongs to the select cast of players who thrive on challenges — even when the odds are dead against them.

With his attributes and with 90 State League games under his belt he made his bid for the goalkeeping position at South Melbourne in 1979 when he joined the champion side from Preston.

"It was very difficult for me when I arrived at Middle Park," Laumets recalled.

"I had to compete against the established goalkeepers, Jack Reilly, Denis Boland and Johan Hansen."

"I was determined however it fight for the position and when the opportunity arose I grabbed it with both hands and have never looked back since."



PETER LAUMETS

Asked about the highlight of his career, Laumets had no hesitation in nominating the finals of 1984 against Sydney Olympic.

"It has to be the highlight," he stated. "Not only did we beat them twice, but we won the Australian title to become the first Victorian side to do so."

Optimistic by nature Laumets believes that the opportunity still exists for him to join the National team.

"I am very philosophical about it," he said. "The fact that I have been overlooked by so many coaches during my career has strengthened my desire to play for Australia."

DON CAMPBELL with TONY DORIGO.



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"DISCRIMINATION" CRIES ARIS AFTER SEVEN YEARS WAIT

ILLAWARRA INFO

BY PHIL MURPHY

ARIS club have rocked Illawarra Soccer by seeking the aid of the Anti-Discrimination Board to gain a home ground from Wollongong City Council.

They say they have been waiting for seven years to have their own home ground but have continually been overlooked in favour of other sporting organisations.

Spokesman Paul Mahanidis said what makes his committee really angry is that two of the grounds they were chasing have been subsequently granted to other ISA clubs.

The association has a firm ruling that clubs are not accepted in the Toohey's Premier League unless they have their own enclosed ground and acceptable facilities.

The one concession they make is for clubs being able to "rent" a similar ground from another club with a limit of three years.

Greek-backed Aris are now sharing Kelly Park with Coniston-Macedonia but this is their third year.

At the end of the season if they don't have a ground they will almost certainly be axed from the League.

Mahanidis said he has passed on all files to the ADB and they will provide a conciliation officer to negotiate with the Council and Aris officials.

Aris have also written to Local Government Minister Mrs Janice Crossio, asking her to investi-

gate council policies relating to the use of public grounds by various sporting bodies.

Mahanidis said there could be far-reaching repercussions over the neglect of his club's claims for a home ground.

"We honestly feel we are being discriminated against and went to know why," he said.

"There is something terribly wrong when he have been trying for so long and other sporting bodies have been successful in a much shorter period of time."

Care Needed

The ISA injured players' fund is taking a real battering early this season with nine broken legs being reported.

Some people are claiming the lack of referees has a lot to do with it but association publicity officer John Walker disagrees.

Walker said he doesn't know any district players who would go out determined to seriously maim another player.

"These things just happen and you can go in to a tackle awkwardly and break a leg," Walker said.

"A broken leg means people are being out of work for a long time and have to receive payments from the Injured Players

Fund.

"Our system is a very good one but the latest applications could seriously affect it in the near future."

Ironically the latest casualty is a Fernhill under 19 player and Walker is the coach of that side.

Lou Belitso broke his leg as he scored his team's second goal in a 4-1 win over Corrimal.

"He fell to the ground and knew right away it was broken and didn't even get to see the ball go in to the net," Walker said.

South Succeeds

It doesn't seem that long ago that district Soccer was centred on the northern suburbs with the likes of Belambi, Bulli, Fernhill and Corrimal the teams which dominated the games.

Things have certainly changed and the teams up north are being looked on as the poor relations this season.

After five rounds, five of the top six teams are based south of Wollongong with South Coast Croatia the league leaders.

The other four southerners are Port Kembla, Cringila, Shellharbour and Warilla Wanderers.

Could it be the unthinkable can happen this season — the semi-finals will feature four teams from the south?

The ISA certainly won't mind as these are the teams who will pack crowds in.

Their most popular selection for grand finalists would probably be South Coast Croatia against Warilla Wander-

ers and it might just happen.

Help!

Full credit to 17-year-old cadet referee John Webb, who put in a marathon effort at Towradgi Park recently.

Webb controlled his quota of junior games at the ground all morning and because of the senior refereeing shortage stuck around to help out.

He controlled the under 19 game between Fernhill and Aris then ran the line in reserve and first grade — starting the day at 8.30am and finishing at 5pm.

Not only that but he was complimented by officials from Fernhill and Aris for his performance after the under 19 fixture.

A Quirk

It isn't often that a Soccer coach can say after the game he was happy about an injury to one of his players.

Tarrawanna coach Wayne Bradford wasn't being disrespectful to winger Daryl Quirk but his injury against Figtree proved to be a blessing in disguise.

The teams were locked together at 1-1 when Quirk had to be carried off with a leg injury.

On came Phil Scott to replace him and it was Scott who scored the winning goal.

After that win, Tarrawanna look set to cause their share of upsets, particularly as fullback Greg Fisher is playing very well since his recent transfer from Bulli.

ANY PORT IN A STORM CLAIMS ROBERT FRYER

ILLAWARRA coach Robert Fryer has come in for plenty of criticism after selecting four of his own Port Kembla players in the 13-man squad to meet ACT in Wollongong over the June Queens Birthday weekend.

Fryer has been in the game too long to play favourites but you could only feel sorry for him over the timing of his announcement.

It was made public the day after Port Kembla had been thrashed 7-1 by South Coast Croatia in a top-of-the-table clash.

Port Kembla had conceded just one goal in their previous four games but had no answer to the Croatia avalanche.

Croatia didn't have one player in the original



NEIL WILLIAMS
Croatia coach

squad but striker Joe Coelho was named to replace Shellharbour striker Barry Robinson who declared himself unavailable.

Fryer said he had selected his squad on what he had seen in early rounds of the premiership and having spoken to other coaches.

"Regardless of clubs, I

feel I have named the best 13 players available at this stage of the season," Fryer said.

The Port Kembla players selected are goalkeeper Fabio Fabienisi, George Alarcon, Ian Bradburn and Phil Matias.

The other players are: Coelho, Theo Kalamidies and Neale Sutherland (Fernhill), Jim Hobbs (Bulli), Claude Cellini (Tarrawanna), Bob Tupanceski and Brian Brown (Cringila), Richard Fernandez and Robbie Gonzales (Warilla Wanderers).

Fryer's squad is set down to play trial games against Cringila and Wollongong City this month under lights at Towradgi Park.

Youth squad coach Gerry Walker has also released his line-up and they will play early games to the trials.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS INDOOR CHAMPIONS

BY GRAHAM COOKE

MARIBYRNONG High — fast, skilful and deadly on the counter-attack — became the champion indoor Soccer school of Australia with a 4-2 win over the ACT's Hawker College.

Mauricio Montalvo opened the scoring after six minutes when Haw-

ker goalkeeper Alister Lyall got a hand to, but could not stop, his powerful drive.

Within a minute Eugenio Arenas had made it 2-0, then it was Arenas again, this time laying on a pass for Goce Madarovski to make it 3-0.

Hawker brought the game alive as first Simon Smith, then Lee Wilkinson scored within a minute of each other at the beginning of the second half, then Smith came desperately close to an equaliser as his shot forced the best out of goalkeeper Con Arvanitis.

The last goal of the game was a gem. With Hawker pushing forward, Leo Salvo regained possession and slipped the perfect pass to Sasho Naumovski who coolly placed the ball past

Lyall to ensure the championship went south to Victoria.

Two players each from Hawker and Copland colleges were named in the Australian schoolboys train-on squad after the championships.

The full list is: Lee Wilkinson, Paul Chalmers (Hawker), Brian Watkins, Steve Vanzetti (Copland), Theo Paraskevaidis, Anthony Daniel, Robert Harmat (Kingsgrove North), Steven Kluss, Clayton Koch, John Preston, Andrew Stillman (Pine Rivers), Dino Grillo, Lube Mickovski (Deer Park), Steven Christo, Steven Spanno (Liverpool), Andrew Grohn, Jim Brown (Bundaberg), Galo Villalta, Robbie Kordanovski, Leo Salvo, Eugenio Arenas (Maribyrnong).

NORTHERN TASMANIA TRUMPS

BY WALTER PLESS

THE Northern Tasmanian Honeychurch Premier League representative team beat a Southern Tasmanian Cadbury League combination 2-1 in an intra-state match at KGV, Glenorchy.

It was the North's second successive away victory against the South, the North having been successful by a 3-1 scoreline last year.

Bob Stillie and Colin Guest both scored before the match was a quarter of an hour old to give the Southerners a shock they never quite recovered from.

Brian Davidson's long throw-in after 7 minutes saw South's goalkeeper Martin Burden parry a close-range shot, only for Stillie to head home the rebound.

A hand-ball by defender Steve Kannegiesser in the 14th minute enabled Guest to increase the visitors' lead from the penalty spot.

Burden was forced to show his class when Andy Schiebl eluded Mark Leszczynski and outpaced Michael Driessen to get in a shot in the 33rd minute, but the South hit back with a goal two minutes later.

Fullback Neil Morrison picked out striker Tony Bacic on the right-hand side of the penalty area and he placed a perfect low shot to the right of goalkeeper Warren Dent.

KEN MORTON UNHAPPY

Midfielder Craig Nichols continued to worry the North with a fast and powerful display which eventually forced Northern player-coach Peter Saville to bring on David Craig in the 62nd minute in an endeavour to stop the diminutive dynamo.

Craig did little better than David Mitchell had done, however. When he did stop Nichols, shortly after coming on, he earned the only caution of the match, for tripping.

Few Chances

The South had few clear-cut chances and its hopes were dealt a severe blow when the Cadbury League's leading scorer, Sergio Pace, went off injured six minutes before the interval.

John Broadhouse, a prolific scorer in the past, came on for Southern midfielder Roger Munro with 15 minutes remaining, but he was unable to make an impact.

Peter Davidson, Peter Saville and Paul Gimpl kept a tight rein on Southern strikers Ian Parker and Tony Bacic, while Andy Schiebl, Colin Guest and Brian Davidson always proved more than a handful for the home defence.

The South might have earned a penalty near the end when Kannegiesser was bundled over at a corner, but the match

ended with Schiebl breaking away in a quick counter-attack which should have resulted in another Northern goal.

With Guest and Davidson unmarked on the right and begging for the ball, Schiebl chose to shoot rather than pass and fired straight into a defender, the ball bouncing harmlessly out of play.

"Everybody played well and did their job," said North's coach, Peter Saville. "We kept things tight and set out to pinch a couple of goals and it worked this time."

"I'm disappointed because we gave the game away," said Southern coach, Ken Morton. "We made silly mistakes in the first few minutes and got punished for it."

"Individually, I thought we were better than the North, but they play with a lot of heart and a lot of spirit and you can't give teams a two-goal start at this level."

The Rothmans League representative side beat the Tasmanian Youth team 3-0 in the curtain-raiser.

Brett Ross put the League ahead just before



Southern Tasmania's Craig Nichols (centre) sandwiched between Northern Tasmania's Brian Davidson (left) and David Mitchell. Davidson is a former New Zealand international and Melbourne Croatia star.

(Photo by Robln Lane)

the break, while Peter Sherman scored twice in the second half, his first goal coming from the penalty spot.

In the annual Doug Slater Memorial Trophy match, goals by Stevenson (2) and Colin Pidd saw University

Graduates run out 3-2 winners over Referees, who replied through Brett MacKay and Roy Bonken.

SOUTH COAST EMBRACES U/15 OAK TURNER CUP

BY BILL TURNER

SOUTH Coast co-ordinator for the OAK Bill Turner Cup, Garry Kemp, was most impressed by the way the schools newly entering the competition displayed such tremendous enthusiasm.

"Teams like Bega, Eden, Moruya, Narooma, Moss Vale and Bowral have been great" he said, "they have been training under their coaches since early in Term One."

And the enthusiasm doesn't end apparently, when a team is eliminated. The coach of Moruya, Paul Parlou accepted the 0-2 defeat by Bill Drury's Narooma side with a friendly chal-

lenge. "They managed to beat us this time, but I'll see Bill next year and reverse the result".

If ever a coach and his team deserve success its Noel Clegg and his boys from Woonona. Area finalists last year they are determined to go further this time. They train almost every school day morning in one form or another. Their match against Edmund Rice College should be a

beauty.

Peter Gilbert the coach of Wollongong looks ahead. Last year he had a crack Under 13 side that took almost all before it on the South Coast. This year as Under 14's they lost to Edmund Rice College but almost every boy will be back to contest the Centenary Year competition.

Long Trip

Way down in the (South) Coast's deep South is Eden.

They defeated near neighbours Bega (an hour by bus) in their first

up game and by a quirk in the draw are away again in Round Two to Narooma. Another win will see either Holy Spirit College or Port Kembla made the long journey South.

Last year's local champions Warrawong drew a bye and have the tough Kiama side to tackle first up.

Any school, any year, that beats Corrimal just has to be good and that is why the team from Smith's Hill is making solid preparation.

Shoalhaven and Nowra should battle out a close local derby. Bulli and Keira always turn on a great contest and this Round Two match should be no different.

There is a lot of interest in the remaining two games featuring Shoalhaven against Nowra and Bowral and Kanahooka.

OAK BILL TURNER CUP

SOUTH COAST

Round 1

Kiama 5 d Dapto 2, Bulli 1 d Figtree 0, Eden 4 d Bega 0, Narooma 2 d Moruya 0, Holy Spirit 13 d Berkeley 0, Corrimal 8 d Warilla 0, Shoalhaven 4 d Ulladulla 0, Nowra 4 d Bomaderry 2, Bowral 5 d Moss Vale 0, Kanahooka 3 d Lake Illawarra 0, Edmund Rice 4 d Wollongong 1.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SHIELD A BIG SUCCESS

THERE have been some excellent early round games in the State wide girls knock out competition for the Commonwealth Bank Shield.

ROUND 1 RESULTS

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d Katoomba HS 1, Mt Druitt HS 3 d Penrith HS 0, Nepean HS 3 d Blackland HS 1, Springwood HS 2 d Jamison HS 1.

ROUND 2

Merrylands HS 3 d Baulkham Hills HS 0, Holroyd HS 2 d Greystanes HS 0, Muirfield HS 4 d Granville B HS 2, Mitchell HS 3 d Parramatta HS 1, St Marys HS 8 d Rooty Hill HS 2, Plumpton HS 6 d Bidwill HS 1, Riverstone 2 d Richmond HS 2 (3-1 Penalties).

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WOMEN'S NEWS

CUP POSTPONED AGAIN

Womens World Cup

THERE are still no definite dates or plans for the first women's 'World Cup'.

It is expected to be played however in an Asian country in either 1988 or 1989.

The Australian team has options for tournaments in England (July),

Taiwan (October/November) or Hong Kong (December).

Again nothing definite has been announced.

In Brisbane this year the first division contestants are Eastern Suburbs, Coalstars, Queensland University, Souths, Milton Dodgers, Redlands, North Star and Queensland Ragers.

The Brisbane squad has been announced and is working under Australian and Queensland coach Fred Robins.

The State titles will be held on the Gold Coast in June, with defending champions Brisbane being the favourites.

The selected players are: K. Millman, J. Millman, L. Spencer, K. Dunlop, R. Priest, S. Wass, L. Priestly, B. Gundlach (East), S. Monteith, K. O'Sullivan (Old Uni), L. Hadley, S. McMahon, S. Walsh, T. Diprose (Milton), A. M. Schiavaro, C. Pulvirenti, C. Nicolsen (Brisbane City Olympic).

The latter three are all newcomers to representative football.

Representative teams are on the job in the Referees Cup.

The opening results were: Brisbane 1 Ipswich 0, Gold Coast 4 Toowoomba 0, Brisbane 4 Gold Coast 4, Ipswich 3 Toowoomba 1.

—LYNELLE SPENCER

YOUNG

CHAMPIONS

BLACKTOWN Association's Denis Pentecost and Parramatta City's Leanne Edmundoon have outstanding futures in the game.

Denie, 16, started out at eight with Shalvey Wanderers Soccer Club in the then Nepean Ladies Soccer Association.

In 1980 she started off with the new under 12 competition.

She represented NSW in the 1985 under 15

NSW WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

nationals in Tasmania and in the 1986 under 17 nationals in NSW.

Leanne began with Bidwill Soccer Club at 12, and then joined Seven Hills in the 1985 State League.

She then also played in the 1985 and 1986 NSW teams, both of whom were national champions.

Next she became the youngest player in the NSW senior squad which won the National Championships in Adelaide last season.

Both girls went to the United States for the recent Dallas youth tournament.

FROM ABU DHABI TO AUSTRALIA!



Shehada on the ball.

THE multi-cultural nature of Australian Soccer was never more in evidence than during the recent school holidays, when Shehada El Damony attended Johnny Warren's Soccer camp in Canberra.

Shehada was the proud winner of one of the Commonwealth Bank Scholarships.

He has only been in Australia for eight months and found conditions in Canberra a little different to those of his last home in Abu Dhabi!

However, he had a great time and was full of praise for all aspects of the camp.

Dusan Purac, centre, pictured with two of his proteges.



BRAZILIAN COACHING IN SYDNEY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

DUSAN PURAC, a former Yugoslav first division player, has set up a private coaching clinic to teach youngsters the finer points of the code.

The former professional, when he was a junior in the early 1960s, was written up as the 'new Pele'.

But unfortunately he could not cope with the massive amount of publicity he was subjected to.

The publicity in fact helped to ruin his career, in much the same way as has so often been seen with some of our very own juniors.

Dusan, always a great believer in the style in which Brazilians play Soccer, came to Australia and played for Yugal for four years from 1975.

In 1979, he retired from playing and took up coaching the game he loves so much.

After six months of coaching youngsters, he gained a reputation that made him a well sought-after tutor.

Purac now is conducting private coaching classes which he calls "BRAZIL SOCCER COACHING".

He holds these classes at Miller's Reserve in Manly Vale, where he places great emphasis on the Brazilian style and skills plus technique.

Two of Dusan's pupils were recently selected to tour and train in Yugoslavia in September with big clubs such as Novi Sad - Frank Arok's former club - Vojvodina and also Red Star Belgrade for a period of one month.

The two lads, both from the Manly area, are Milan Kovacevich, 15, and Andre Glucina, 13, who will be sponsored by 'Asian Wreckers'.

Dusan told ASW this week "... I feel more than confident that these two boys have the ability to make it to the top grade, given the correct guidance."

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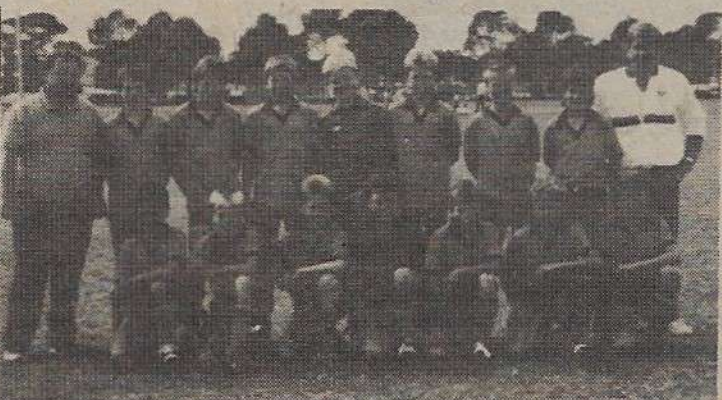
NSW U12 CENTENARY CUP SOUTHERN DISTRICTS WINS



Referees on finals day. L to R: C. Keats, G. Ogden, B. Hugo, D. Russell, C. Halloran, J. Anderson.



Southern Districts. Back Row L to R: M. Jermen, M. Bjazevic, B. Gotsis, J. Nikas, L. Barrett, A. Moore, M. Ditte. Front Row: B. Delaney (coach), S. Zmuda, M. Maric, D. Parkes, A. Prnjak, J. Mathers, D. Davis, S. Zmunda (manager).
Colours: Red and Green.



Northern Tasmania. Back Row L to R: J. McKenna (manager), J. Carson, T. Harris, B. Kurth, J. Evans, T. Spenser, S. Youl, M. Balym, T. Strickland (coach). Front Row: S. Bonner, K. Petterwood, A. Whyte, C. Baldock, L. Walker, D. Hall, T. Smith.
Colours: Gold and Black.



Albury Wodonga: C. Davis (coach). Back Row L to R: P. Borovino, J. Hyman, T. McMaster, A. Davis, D. Markham, A. Ruitenburg, E. Handicott. Front Row: J. Bullard, L. McInness, M. Hampson, A. McGibbon, C. Randall, M. Richards.
Colours: Red and Black.



Lakemba: Back Row L to R: D. Cosgrove (coach) H. Nagl, N. Maksaud, S. Said, J. Garcia, Q. Ngugen, F. Hage Ali, B. Dwyer, A. Vourtsanis, H. Hart (manager). Front: F. Fagredine, M. O'Brien, S. Anastopoulous, P. Anastopoulous, S. Somson, J. Hart.
Colours: Green and Gold.

SOUTHERN Districts were jubilant when the full time whistle blew on the final of the U12 Centenary Cup, defeating Sutherland 1-0.

Group A played off against Group B teams to determine the final positions for the tournament.

The final day scores were:

Southern Districts 1
Sutherland 0, Illawarra 3
Bankstown 2, Canterbury 2
St George 2 with St George winning on aggregate, Macarthur 0
Gladesville 2, Nth Tasmania 4
Mid Nth Coast 3, Albury Wodonga 3
Lakemba 2.

Nepean were unable to attend on the day of the final.

At the presentation all players received a pennant. Sutherland players received a cast medallion and the winning team Sth Districts each received a shield and the team Captain held high the Centenary Cup.

Throughout the tournament referees from different associations attended each day to officiate on the games, the majority being junior referees.

Lakemba Club thanks NSWASF for selecting their application to host the tournament and also thank all coaches and manager for their assistance in a successful tournament.

SEAFORD'S SECOND WIN IN AMUNDSEN TROPHY

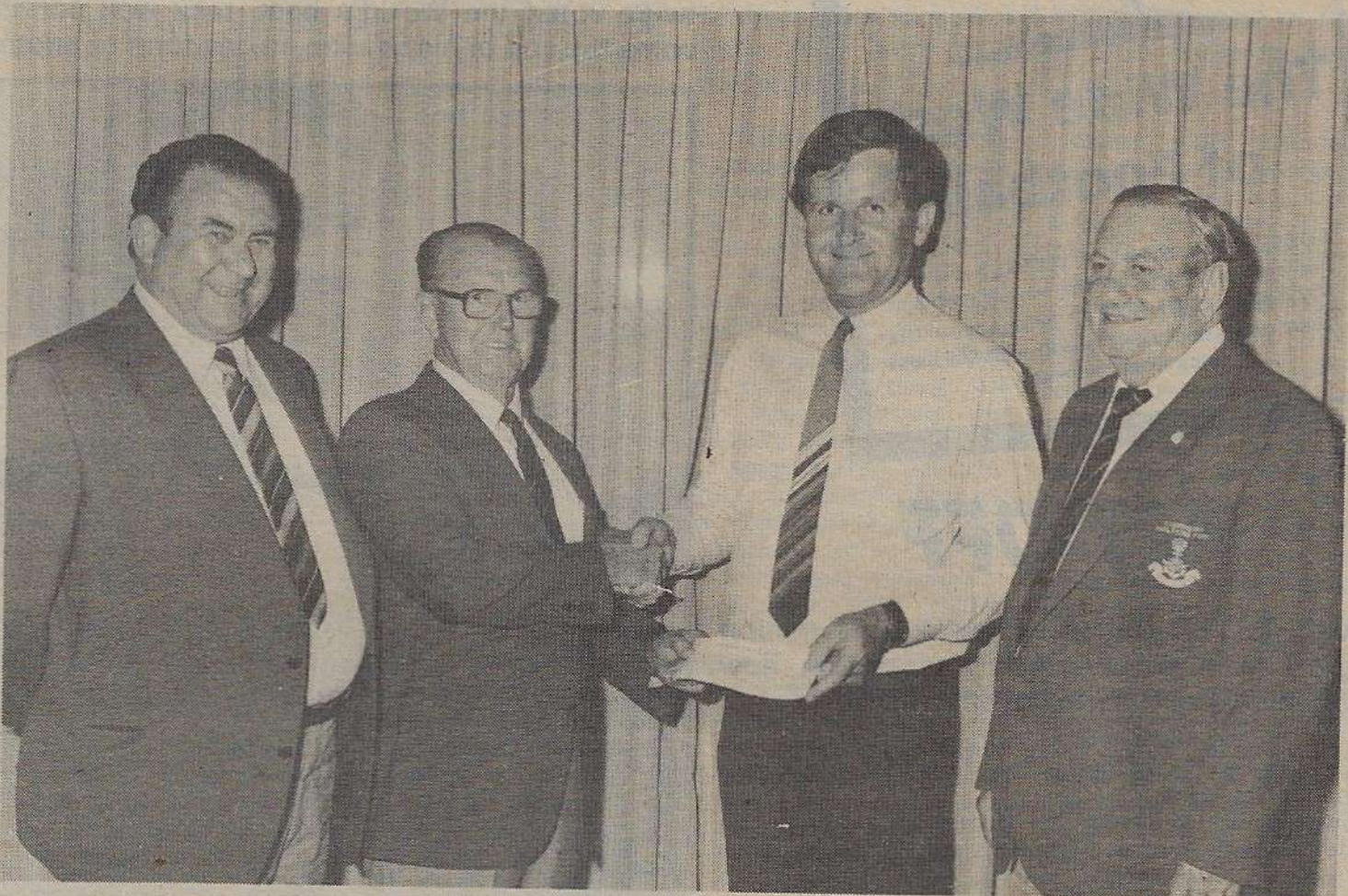
SEAFORD United S.C. U14's from Victoria returned this year to again take home the Johs Amundsen Perpetual Trophy.

This tournament was hosted by Bega Devils Soccer Club at their facilities at Bega Recreation Grounds.

The tournament is held over three days of the Easter weekend each year with alternating age groups. This year was the

10,000 reasons to thank the RSL

CANTERBURY LIONS ROAR APPROVAL



Canterbury SFA president Jim Wakeling receives the \$10,000 cheque from Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL president Roy McLaughlin, apart from aiding the Association, all the RSL wanted was their name on all representative team tracksuits.

THE Canterbury and Districts representative, Youth League and Federation teams have had a tremendous boost for the 1987 season with a sponsorship of \$10,000 from the Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club.

The Youth League players have already shown their intentions with an all points victory at a recent clash with the Manly Club.

Mr Roy McLaughlin, president of the Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club, said that his club was determined to become more involved in assisting the younger generation in their Soccer representative endeavours.

He hopes this will give the younger people a better understanding of what the RSL club stands for.

This sponsorship has injected new enthusiasm

into the Canterbury and Districts Soccer Football Association.

Officials believe the financial support will once again make the Canterbury Lions a real force for the future.

NSW Youth League

ROUND 9

SATURDAY 2ND MAY

GROUP A

		U13	U14	U15	U16
Marconi	v	Melita	1-1	0-1	5-0 3-1
Sydney Olympic	v	St George	2-0	0-2	1-0 4-0
Blacktown City	v	APIA	0-1	0-1	0-1 1-0
Illawarra	v	Central Coast	1-1	6-0	2-1 1-1
Cant/Marrick	v	Nepean	1-0	2-2	1-5 2-1
Gladesville	v	Sthn Districts	5-2	1-3	0-3 0-4
Ku-ring-gai	v	Sydney City	3-3	4-0	1-5 1-0

GROUP B

Croatia	v	Sutherland	1-0	1-0	4-1 0-0
Macarthur	v	Avala	4-0	7-1	0-4 0-0
Nth Bankstown	v	Manly	4-1	0-5	0-2 0-0
Blacktown	v	C/town City	2-1	2-1	2-0 5-0
Polonia	v	Canterbury	0-2	0-1	0-2 3-2
Rockdale	v	Uruguay/Aub.	2-4	1-3	2-2 2-0
Yugal	v	Bankstown	0-3	0-4	0-4 2-0

R3

Central Coast	v	Ku-ring-gai	r3	2-1
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ADRIATIC YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 10 SATURDAY 9TH MAY

GROUP A

Marconi	v	St George	Marconi No.2
Sydney Olympic	v	APIA	Pratten Park
Ku-ring-gai	v	Blacktown City	Golden Jubilee
Central Coast	v	Melita	Bill Pluim Mem.
Nepean	v	Illawarra	Cook Park
Gladesville	v	Cant/Marrick	Pioneer Park
Sydney City	v	Sth Districts	Syd Athletic

GROUP B

Sutherland	v	Avala	Bates Drive
Macarthur	v	Nth Bankstown	Ponderosa Park
Manly	v	Yugal	Cromer Park
C/Town City	v	Croatia	Lynwood Park
Blacktown	v	Polonia	Mt Druitt Tn
Uruguay/Aub.	v	Canterbury	Mona Park
Bankstown	v	Rockdale	Memorial Oval



Mid North Coast: L to R: G. Martin Manager, T. Barselaar Coach. Standing: M. Trunley, D. Fidge, R. James, G. Martin, Y. Carden, J. Gordon, M. Freil. Front: P. Marriott, G. Vines, S. Warriar, D. Johnson, J. Skinner, D. Morgan, L. Thompson.
Colours: Black and White.



PAY-OFF

MANCHESTER United will seek a \$1 million pay-off from the Football Association now that goalkeeper Gary Bailey has retired.

The 28-year-old South African suffered a serious knee injury while training before England's game with Scotland last April.

Two operations have failed to clear the problem and Bailey recently returned from his native South Africa to declare that he would quit the game as their is no future for him with the injury persisting.

He has a similar injury to the one which forced Steve Coppell into early retirement. The former United winger also collected his injury while on England duty and on that occasion the FA paid \$1.2 million in compensation.

THE FRENCH ACE MAY HAVE A CARD OR TWO TO

MICHEL PLATINI, three-times European Footballer of the Year and twice voted the World's best, may well continue his Soccer career come the end of his season, in one form or another.



PLAY YET

Firstly with Juventus likely to off-load him in a couple of months, Sampdoria have come in with an offer to take the brilliant Frenchman from Turin.

The club at the moment has only West German Hans-Peter Breigel on its books for the next season and are confident they can link him with Platini to form a fearsome combination.

With Ian Rush set to join Michael Laudrup at Juve, Platini has been holding talks with manager Rino Marchesi.

Although Marchesi would dearly love to retain Platini as the playmaker for the dynamic duo that will forage for

goals up front, he knows that it will be in vain as only two foreigners are allowed per Italian club.

The FA recently knocked back the proposal for three per club.

The news on Platini doesn't end there however.

He is among eleven former St Etienne stars facing prosecution for allegedly receiving a total of around \$400,000 in slush fund payments.

Platini and other French internationals, including Patrick Battiston, Bernard Lacombe and Jean Francois Larios, are accused of evading tax during the period 1978-1982.

The case will be heard in July.

Michel Platini... a long way to go before he winds up his illustrious career.

SLOW TORTURE FOR SPEEDIE



THIS time last year Chelsea's David Speedie was reaching for sky.

The club were chasing the championship, the goals were flowing and he was considered a virtual certainty for Mexico after helping Scotland qualify for the World Cup.

He has not been picked for Scotland since his surprising omission and reacted with a ghosted newspaper article that could not have helped.

Chelsea have struggled for most of the season, even propping up the First Division in December, and he has

asked for a transfer, with apparently no takers.

Understandably, words such as "nightmarish" and "disastrous" are top of his vocabulary in describing his current state of play at Stamford Bridge.

Yet Speedie claims his "nightmarish" run did

not start this season, but at the beginning of the 1985-86 campaign — John Hollins' first as manager.

Speedie has a reputation on the pitch for being over-aggressive and a loudmouth. But in the calm of his comfortable home on the outskirts of

Camberley in Surrey, he is nothing like his public image.

Quietly spoken, polite, and a doting father of two, 26-year-old Speedie is scarcely a football terrorist.

Yet his Scottish background — his father was a miner — and upbringing in Yorkshire give him a refreshingly candid approach. So why did everything go wrong?

"At the start of last season things were far from right in my own mind, even though we eventually did quite well.

"Other players thought the same and that's been shown by the number of them asking for moves.

"The amount of transfer request speak for themselves — things aren't right within the club. I can't see it changing and, even if it does, it's too late.

"I first noticed it when John Neal, our previous manager, had a heart operation in 1984 and wasn't able to deal with things at the club.

"That's when it changed for me because, without doubt, he was a calming influence."

Hollins, the prodigal son who had returned to coach the team to the Second Division title, succeeded Neal a year later.

It was a popular appointment and one which Ken Bates, the chairman, probably had to make as other ambitious clubs were eyeing Hollins.

Speedie was happy, although that feeling of elation soon changed. "I was delighted when John was given the job because he is the best coach I've ever played under."

"But I wasn't happy with what eventually

happened to Neal and his assistant, Ian McNeill. They deserved better."

Both men left the club roughly a year after Hollins took over. "I'm not sure what's gone wrong with John Hollins but he's changed in the last 18 months," said Speedie.

"Of course, you have to change if you're given the manager's job. It's not been for the good, that's for sure. Not for me anyhow."

Speedie's situation wasn't helped last summer when a possible move to Barcelona fell through. "That was the turning point. I knew I had had enough," he said.

"Ken Bates put a block on the move because he said I tried to negotiate my own deal, which wasn't the case."

"In the papers he said, 'I wouldn't sell Speedie for \$10 million even if he had a wooden leg' which was a disgrace considering the service I'd given the club."

Yet, despite that incident, Speedie insists he still has a lot of respect for Bates. "I have no argument with the chairman. We have our arguments but afterwards it's all forgotten."

"He speaks his mind as I do, and I think that's why we get on. We're similar."

That respect does not spread to Hollins or his coach Ernie Walley, a dour disciplinarian.

"I have still got grudges against Hollins because I don't like some of the things that have happened to me. I'll play for him if selected, but as for respect, no chance."

And Ernie Walley? "Ernie who?" joked Speedie. "I am under contract to the club but it doesn't say I have to re-

spect anybody."

Speedie was particularly upset by Hollins when he was dropped for a Littlewoods Cup tie against York at Stamford Bridge last October.

Future

"On the Monday before the game I discussed my future with the manager and told him I wanted a move," he said.

"I wasn't doing myself or Chelsea justice. I was told to leave it until after the tie when the two of us would try to sort things out."

"Come Wednesday I was dropped, and I didn't think that was fair. All I was told by the manager was that he had changed his mind."

Reserve football followed before Speedie was recalled for a Full Members Cup match at West Ham at the end of November when the

Kerry Dixon-Speedie partnership was resumed.

But the combination, thought to be one of the best double acts in the goal business, did not produce the same results. Something was wrong and the goals dried up.

Dixon was dropped; Chelsea tried unsuccessfully to sign Leicester forward Alan Smith for \$2 million; and Dixon, spotting the threat, handed in a written transfer request.

Speedie was not surprised. "The First Division is the best place in the world, but, the way I feel now, I would consider joining an ambitious Second Division club. I also fancy Scotland."

"If I don't leave, my career will be totally ruined. But I don't think that will bother too many people at Stamford Bridge."

DESPITE the send off of their aggressive manager Graeme Souness, Glasgow Rangers wrapped up the Scottish Premier Division with a 1-1 draw with Aberdeen at Pittodrie.

The Rangers fans streamed over the pitch to celebrate as the news came through that Celtic had been sunk 2-1 by third bottom club Falkirk.

It is nine years since the Blues have held the Scottish crown.

In England Everton's inexorable march has taken them four points ahead of Liverpool with a match in hand.

With star midfielder Peter Reid limping off midway in the first half, Everton showed no fire in their scoreless draw with Manchester City.

Liverpool surrendered the fight with a 1-0 loss to FA Cup finalist Coventry City.

Derby County won its way back into the First Division with a 2-1 home win over Leeds.

Everton is laying the red carpet under the feet of manager Howard Kendall, who is under the notice of Italian and Spanish clubs.

The club's resurgence can be attributed to the magic touch that the manager has steadily acquired.

McMENEMY WALKS AWAY FROM SUNDERLAND CLUB

LAWRIE McMenemy has sensationally walked out on Sunderland in one of the most shameful episodes in modern Soccer management.

The man the Roker Park fans christened 'King Rat' deserted the club in its greatest hour of need with relegation to the Third Division now a very real possibility.

Just days after promising in a widely publicised interview that he, "would not run away," McMenemy resigned.



LAWRIE McMENEMY

He chose to make his announcement in a tabloid newspaper so that even Sunderland chairman Bob Murray expressed his, "utter dismay."

Murray is the man who supported McMenemy throughout his controversial twenty months at Sunderland, where he was the highest paid manager in the history of British football.

But instead of returning Murray's loyalty, McMenemy is reported to have received a \$50,000 fee from the paper for his exclusive story.

And he has been villified throughout Soccer for deserting the sinking ship without even telling the crew.

Later reports claimed that McMenemy, who was on \$330,000 dollars a year at the poverty stricken north eastern club, got a \$140,000 payoff to become the most expensive failure that British Soccer has had the misfortune to be associated with.

McMenemy had arrived at Sunderland like a Messiah, promising: "The time to walk out of a great club like this is when we have won the First Division title and the European Cup."

"Then I might say stick it and leave with my head held high knowing that I completed the job."

Instead, he left like a thief in the night, head hung in shame. Not only was he on a king's ransom in an area where one in four of the adult population are on the dole, he also got more than \$40,000 in perks like his mortgage being paid along with his heat, water electricity and phone.

Sunderland also paid for a private phone line at Roker from which he ran his personal businesses. On top of that his son is a coach at the club on \$55,000 a year and his daughter was a 'promotions consultant' to a fund raising organisation, Friends of Roker.

Consistently, as Sunderland's position in the Second Division

worsened, McMenemy, an ex-Guardsman, promised the Roker Park faithful: "I am not going to throw the towel in."

"I am going to stick this out. This is not the time to hang out our dirty washing for everybody else to see."

Astonished

Through his time at Sunderland, where he took over a bad side and made them worse, McMenemy, 50, was backed to the hilt by a chairman, whose integrity was beyond question.

Murray said: "We can deal with the McMenemy era in one sentence. He has resigned."

"I was extremely surprised at the way he did it. We had an agreement. But the first thing I knew of the actual announcement was when I read it in the paper."

Even McMenemy's son Chris, 25, didn't know that his father had sold his pride and integrity to a tabloid newspaper.

Chris said: "He certainly didn't discuss it with me." And it speaks volumes of the principles of Sunderland that Chris will be retained at Roker.

Things had come to a head last week when after the humiliation by Sheffield United, fans vandalised McMenemy's \$50,000 gold-coloured Mercedes.

Discipline

Then, in a midweek game, club discipline reached an all-time low.

Winger Terry Curran was being rubbish by a section of the Roker Park crowd when he lost his head and started waving the V-sign with both hands from his knees upwards.

Then was an almost Keystone Cops scene as Curran legged it up the players' tunnel with two policemen in pursuit. He has since been sacked by the Roker Park board along with deputy manager Lew Chatterley.

Curran is now facing police charges in the aftermath of one of the most unsavoury episodes Roker Park has seen.

Sunderland fans reacted to the shameful way McMenemy sneak-out of his responsibilities by inundating the local radio station with request for the Dire Straits song "Money for Nothing" and the Beatles' classic "Money, what's what I want."

And to vent their utter rejection of a man who even had a finger in the printing of the club's newspaper they turned up in enormous numbers for the Easter Monday match at Roker against Leeds.

It was Sunderland's biggest crowd of the sea-

son and temporary manager Bobby Stokoe was greeted with a huge roar as he marched to the dugout.

Stokoe is the man who in his first spell as boss of Sunderland saved them from relegation and ironically took them to glory against Leeds in the FA Cup.

Meanwhile, McMenemy's future in the game now looks extremely limited. The man's credibility is zero after repeatedly making statements like: "I'm no quitter. My word is my bond."

"I expect to see my three years out with Sunderland and build a base that this club deserves."

Rebel director Brian Batey, who campaigned for the removal of McMenemy, said: "I am only surprised that people are surprised at the way he quit."

"It's no more than I expected from him. He has bankrupted the club and left Sunderland with a bunch of second rate players who are earning a fortune."

"In the long-term the club is better off without him. I just hope that no other club is stupid enough to get involved with this man."

McMenemy's action in selling his soul to Fleet Street recalled memories of the way Don Revie — known in the game as Don Readies — walked out on England in the 1970's and announced that in the papers.

Relevant

Revie has never worked in club man-

agement again in England and McMenemy may find that the door back into Soccer will be shut for ever to him.

Brighton, Southampton and Portsmouth have all said they wouldn't have him now at any price, and that's relevant because McMenemy has always intimated that sooner or later he would end up back at his Spanish-style home in Hampshire.

McMenemy's greatest asset was his ability at Southampton to get the best out of players who were slightly past their prime.

Kevin Keegan was probably his greatest signing, but even he and McMenemy parted company bad friends after an internal dispute. Mick Channon also helped put McMenemy's name in lights.

McMenemy always claimed when he left The Dell to join Sunderland that: "Southampton's finances were the best they had ever been."

Southampton chairman Woodford said: "If that is the case then I had better start looking down the back of the armchairs to find the money."

The truth was that things had also gone sour at The Dell for McMenemy, whose greatest mistake was refusing the Manchester United job when it was offered.

It is now crystal clear after McMenemy's abject failure at Roker, that he wouldn't have been up to running the biggest club in British Soccer.

And the reason he turned it down is that deep in his heart he probably knew that, too.



Lawrie McMenemy pictured in happier days with Kevin Keegan and his family. This picture was taken following Keegan's signing for Southampton.

RANGERS boss Graeme Souness is pulling out all the stops to persuade Mark Hateley to go to Ibrox when he leaves AC Milan at the end of the season.

But a big target man isn't Souness' only need as he sets about the second stage of his team rebuilding programme.

He also wants a top quality left-back, with Wimbledon's England Under-21 star Nigel Winterburn top of his list.

The 23-year-old defender has earned rave reviews in his first season in the First Division and has been highly recommended to Souness.

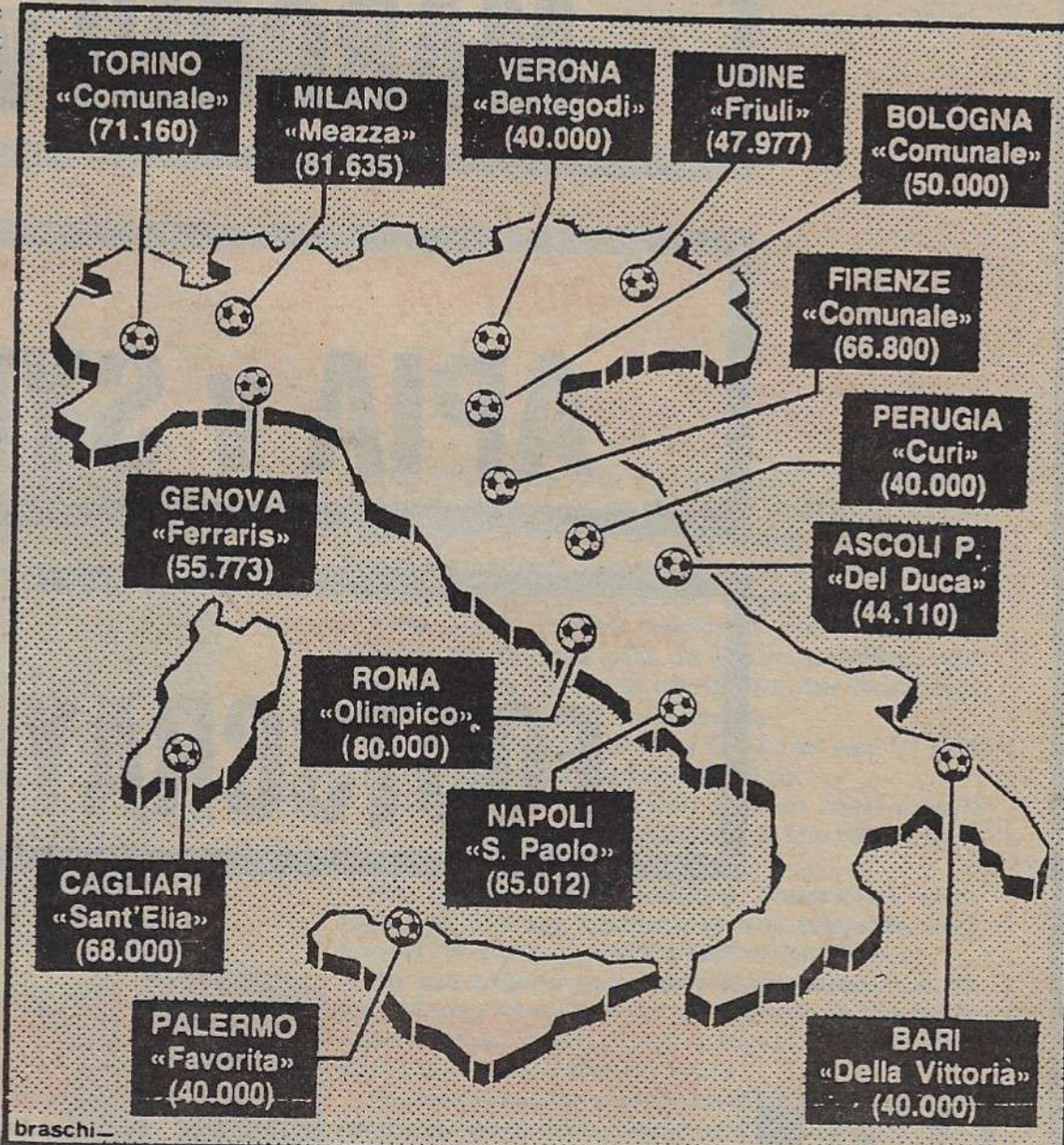
The Rangers player-manager briefly considered a move for sacked Southampton star Mark Dennis, but has been put off by the player's bad boy reputation.

Ironically, Dons boss Dave Bassett has been planning a move for Dennis and had hoped to move Winterburn into midfield.

Now, however, he may have to part with his brightest star if he gets a bid of somewhere in the region of \$800,000.

The World Cup Venue

BELOW ASW produces the venues for the 1990 World Cup to be held in Italy.



INTER AFTER ANOTHER!



HUGO SANCHEZ

INTER Milan are ready to lash out another \$4 million on Real Madrid's Hugo Sanchez after their near \$6 million capture of Enzo Scifo from Anderlecht.

The Mexican and Belgian stars have topped boss Giovanni Trapattoni's wanted list all season, and he is determined to expose a clause in Spanish FA regulations to complete the double and land the country's leading scorer.

Under the SFA's rules,

a player can buy a free transfer during any stage of his contract and Sanchez — top goalscorer in Spain for the past four seasons — has offered Championship contenders Real \$1.5m for the opportunity to link-up with Scifo.

Real are demanding \$4 million and the case seems set for arbitration.

That means moves are imminent for Inter's current foreigners Karl Heinz Rummenigge — who is set to retire unless a \$1.5m transfer back to Bayern Munich materialises — and Argentinian Daniel Passarella.

BITTER END

Goalkeeper Dieter Burdenski, 36, cancelled celebrations planned after his 900th senior match in West Germany. His club Werder Bremen, hoping to protect an unbeaten home record that had lasted for almost three years, were beaten 7-1 by Borussia Mönchengladbach.

WEST END NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

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WEEKEND FIXTURES

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ROUND 7

FRIDAY 7.30PM

ST GEORGE STADIUM

ST GEORGE BSC v SM HELLAS

SUNDAY 2.30PM

OLYMPIC VILLAGE

HEIDELBERG UTD v SG CROSS

HINDMARSH STADIUM

ADELAIDE CITY v PRESTON

MARCONI STADIUM

MARCONI v MELB. CROATIA

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